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Israel and Palestine

A short history

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Jenin

75 km



Israel

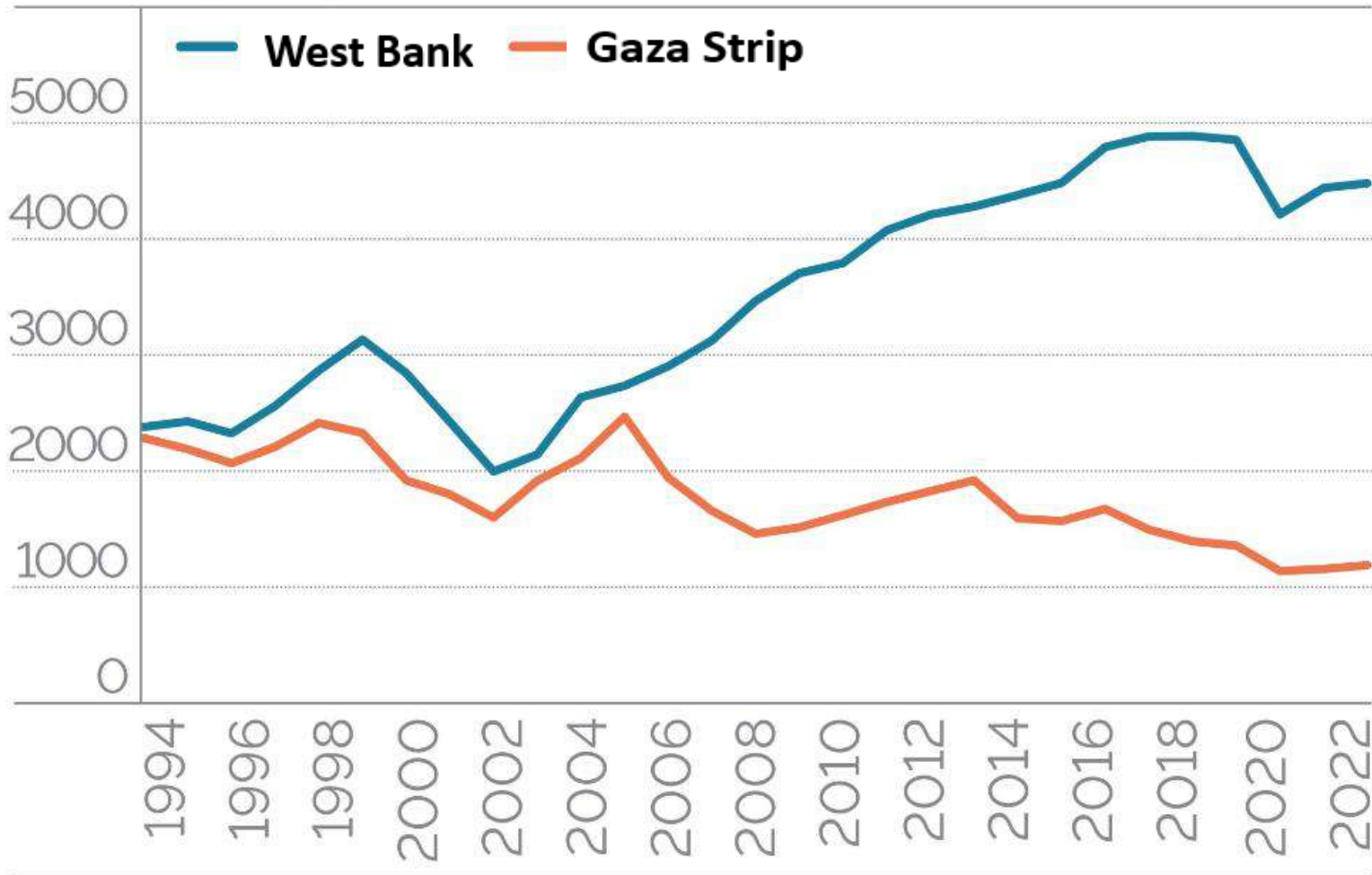
West Bank and **Gaza Strip**

**GNI per capita
2022, USD**

54.650

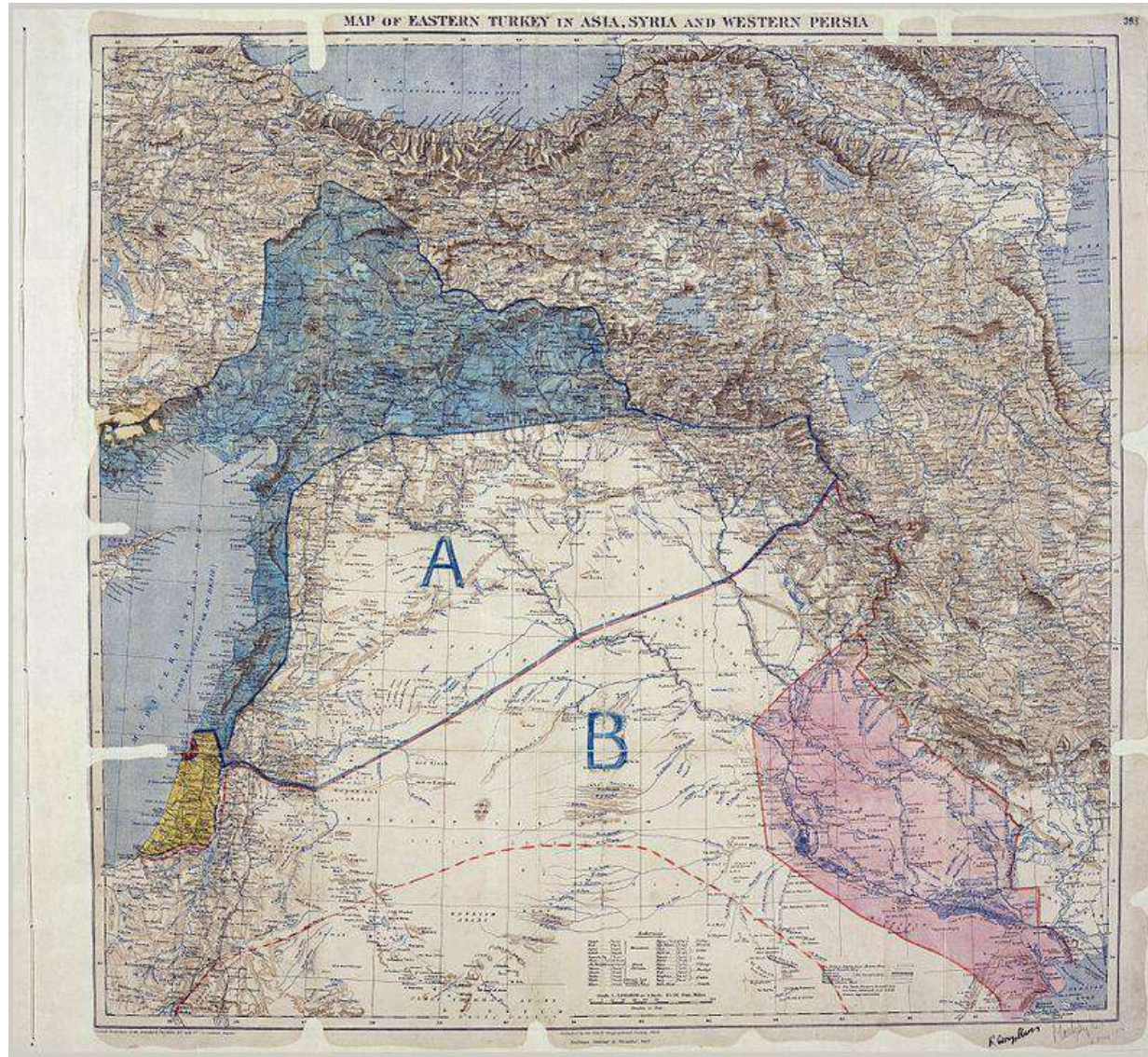
4.610

1.100



A bit of history

The Sykes-Picot Agreement, May 9 1916



Preamble, independence, wars and uprisings

- **1896 Theodore Herzl *The Jewish State***
- **1897 First Congress of Zionist movement**
- **1917 Balfour declaration**
- **29 November 1947, UN General Assembly resolution 181**
- **14 May 1948 Israeli Declaration of Independence**

The Balfour declaration, 1917

Foreign Office,

November 2nd, 1917.

Dear Lord Rothschild,

I have much pleasure in conveying to you, on behalf of His Majesty's Government, the following declaration of sympathy with Jewish Zionist aspirations which has been submitted to, and approved by, the Cabinet

His Majesty's Government view with favour the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people, and will use their best endeavours to facilitate the achievement of this object, it being clearly understood that nothing shall be done which may prejudice the civil and religious rights of existing non-Jewish communities in Palestine, or the rights and political status enjoyed by Jews in any other country"

I should be grateful if you would bring this declaration to the knowledge of the Zionist Federation.

Y. in
Arthur Balfour

Preamble, independence, wars and uprisings

- **1948-49 First Arab-Israeli war**
Nakba Palestinian exodus, 700.000 people
- 1956 Suez Crisis
- **1967 Six Days war** UN SC resolution 232
- **1973 Yom Kippur war** UN SC resolution 338
- 1982 Israel invasion of Lebanon
- **1987 December 9 until 1991 First Intifada**
- **2000 September 28 – 2005 Second intifada**
- 2006 Second War in Lebanon
- **IDF Military Operations in Gaza: 2008-09, 2012, 2014, 2021, 2022, 2023**

Population

1931

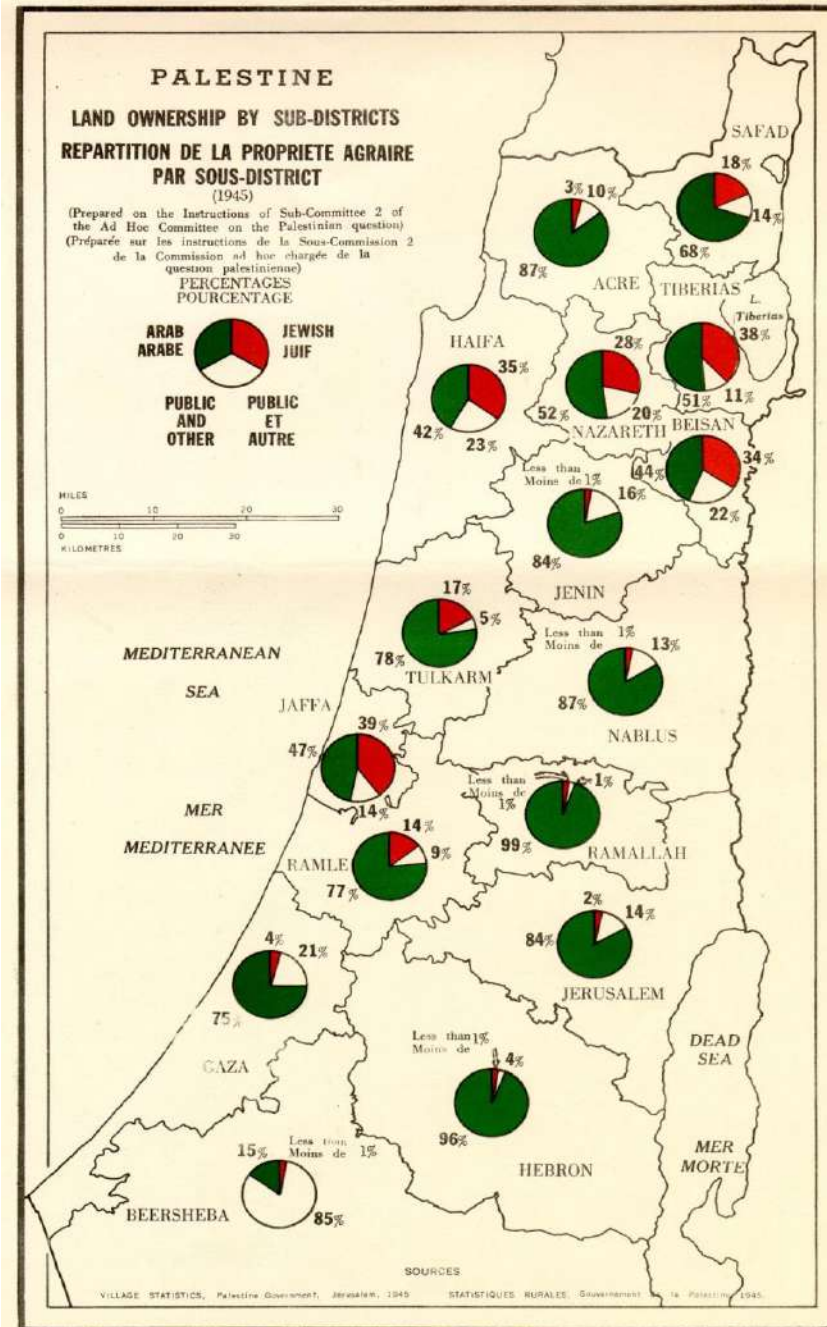
Total: 1,035,821

Arabs: 851,110 (82%)

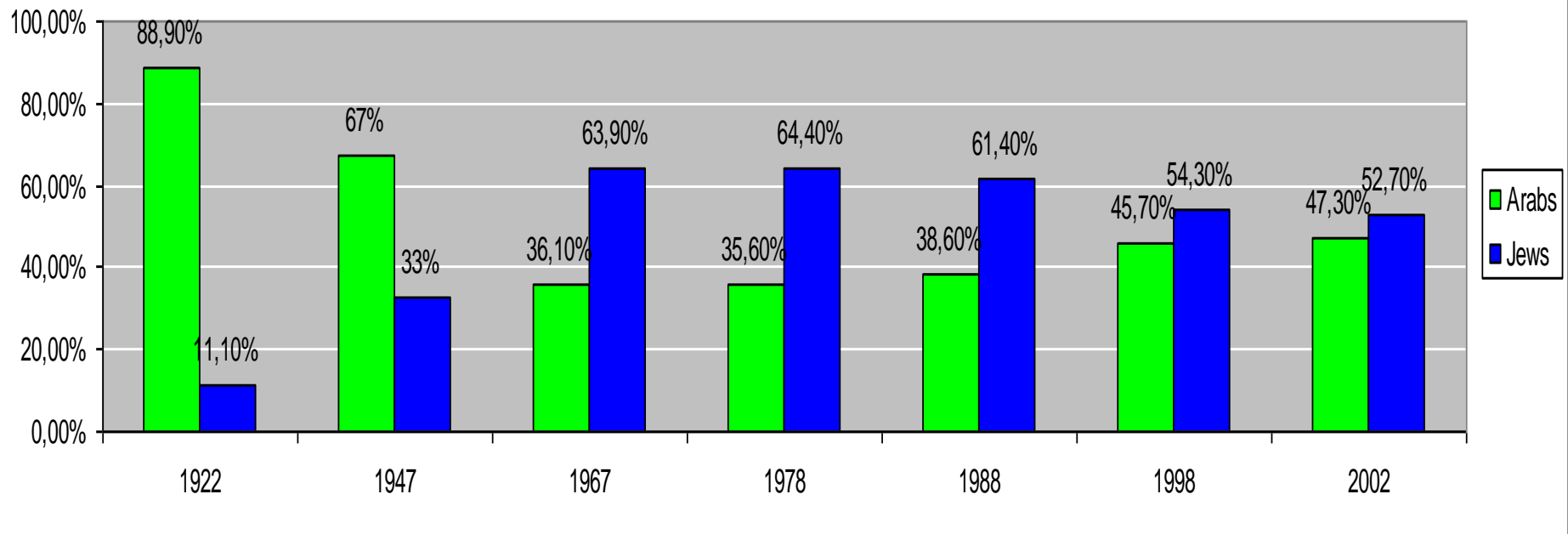
Jews: 174,610 (17%)

Others: 10,101 (1%)

[British Census]



Arab and Jewish Population in Palestine (1922-2002)

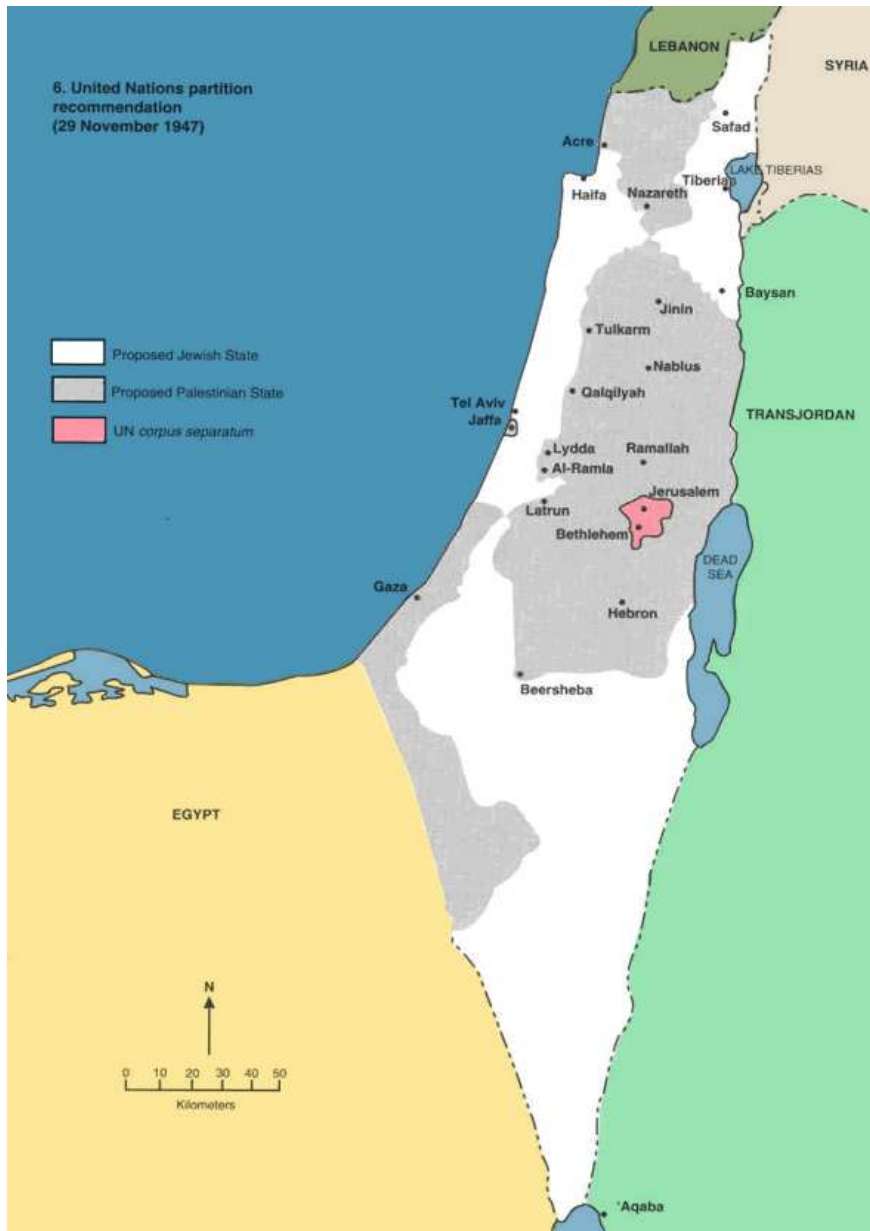


The UN Resolutions

UN General Assembly Resolution 181, in November 29, 1947 that called for the [partition of Palestine](#) into **Arab and Jewish states**, with the city of [Jerusalem](#) as a *corpus separatum*, separate entity, to be governed by a special international regime.

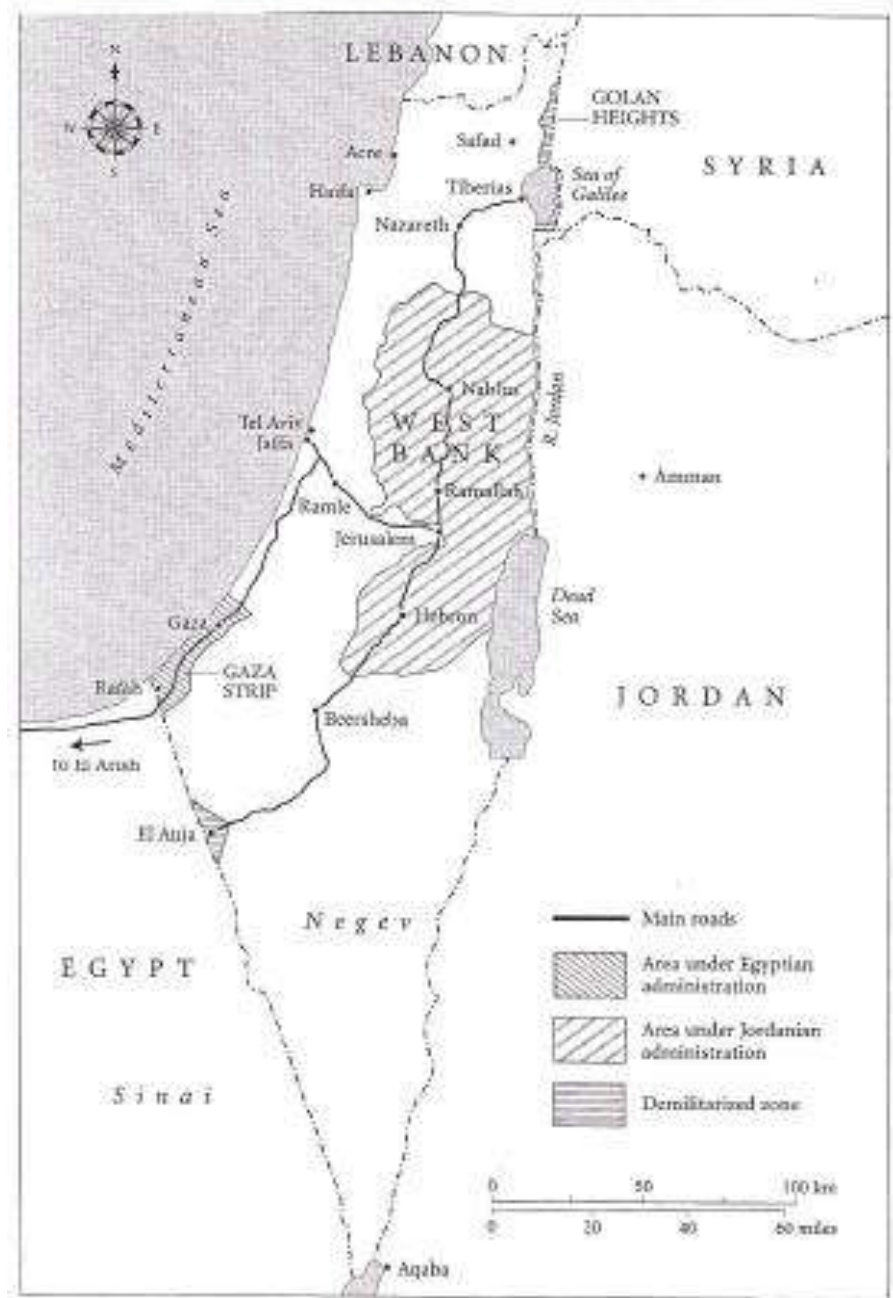
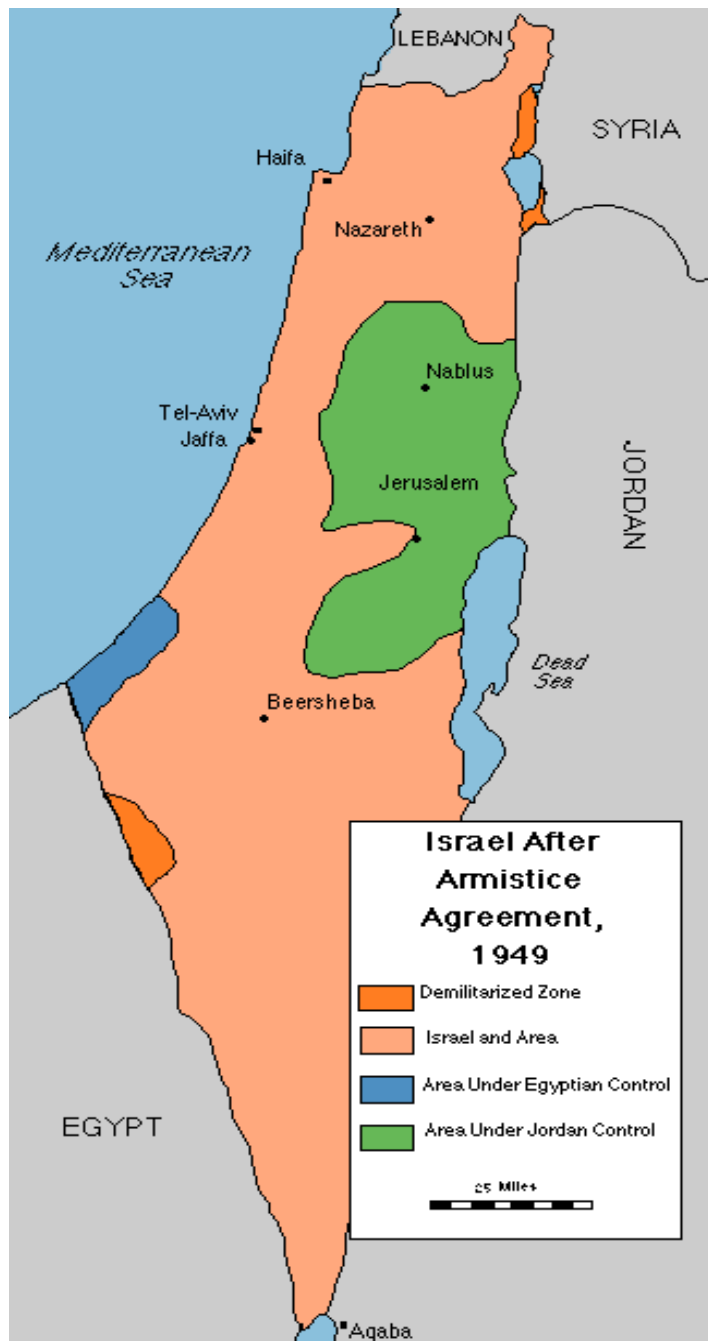
UN Security Council Resolution 242 adopted unanimously on November 22, 1967: "inadmissibility of the acquisition of territory by war and the need to work for a just and lasting peace in the Middle East in which every State in the area can live in security"

UN Security Council Resolution 338, October 22, 1973, called for a [ceasefire](#) in the [Yom Kippur War](#). "immediately and concurrently with the cease-fire, negotiations start between the parties concerned under appropriate auspices aimed at establishing a just and durable peace in the Middle East."



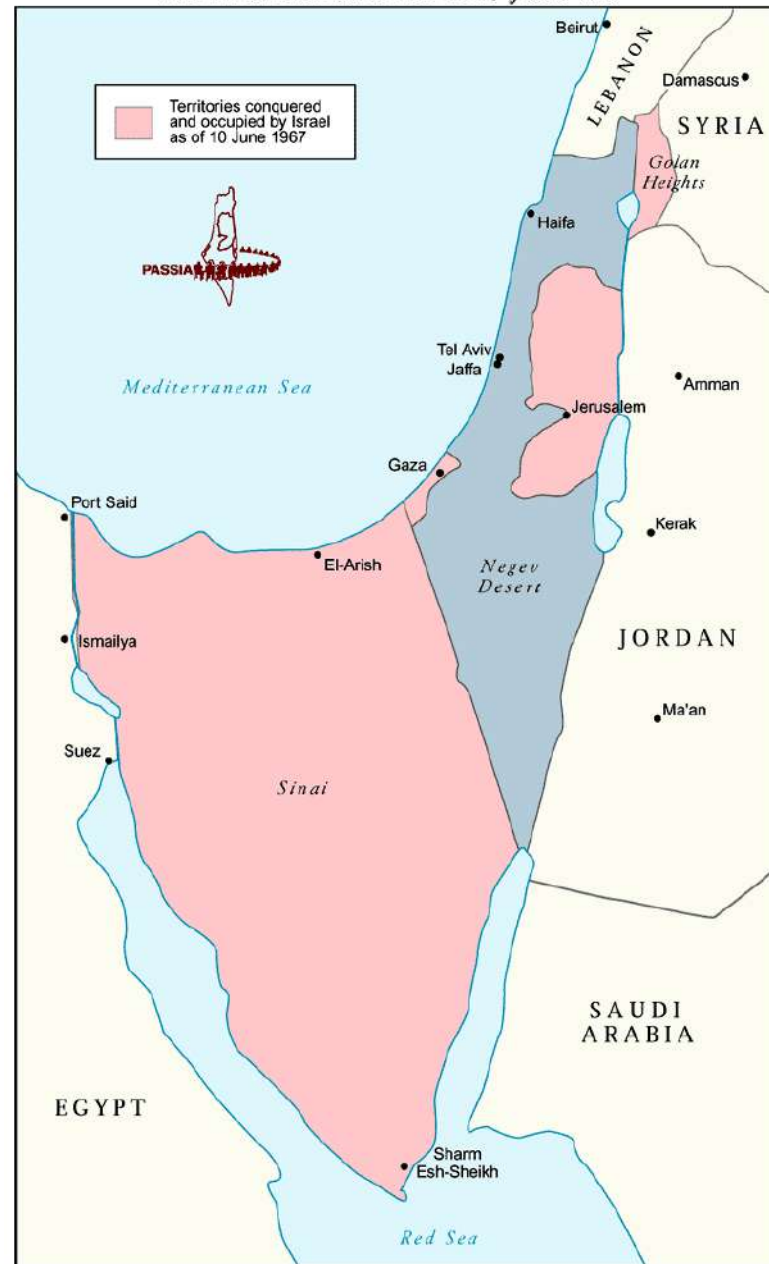
1947 The United Nations partition plan

Resolution 181



Israel after the armistice agreements, 1949.

**After the 'six
days' war
June 5-10, 1967**



Palestinian loss of land 1946 to 2000

Palestinian and Jewish land 1946

UN Partition plan 1947

1949 - 1967

2000



Political movements in the Middle East

- **1928 Muslim Brotherhood, Egypt**
- **1964 Palestine Liberation Organization, PLO**
- **1981 Palestinian Islamic Jihad**
- **1982 Hezbollah, Lebanon**
- **1987 Hamas, founded by Sheik Ahmed Yassin**
- **1994 PNA, Palestinian National Authority**
- **2006-2007 Hamas-Fatah conflict in Gaza**

Demography

The perspectives of the Palestinian and Jewish Populations in Historical Palestine

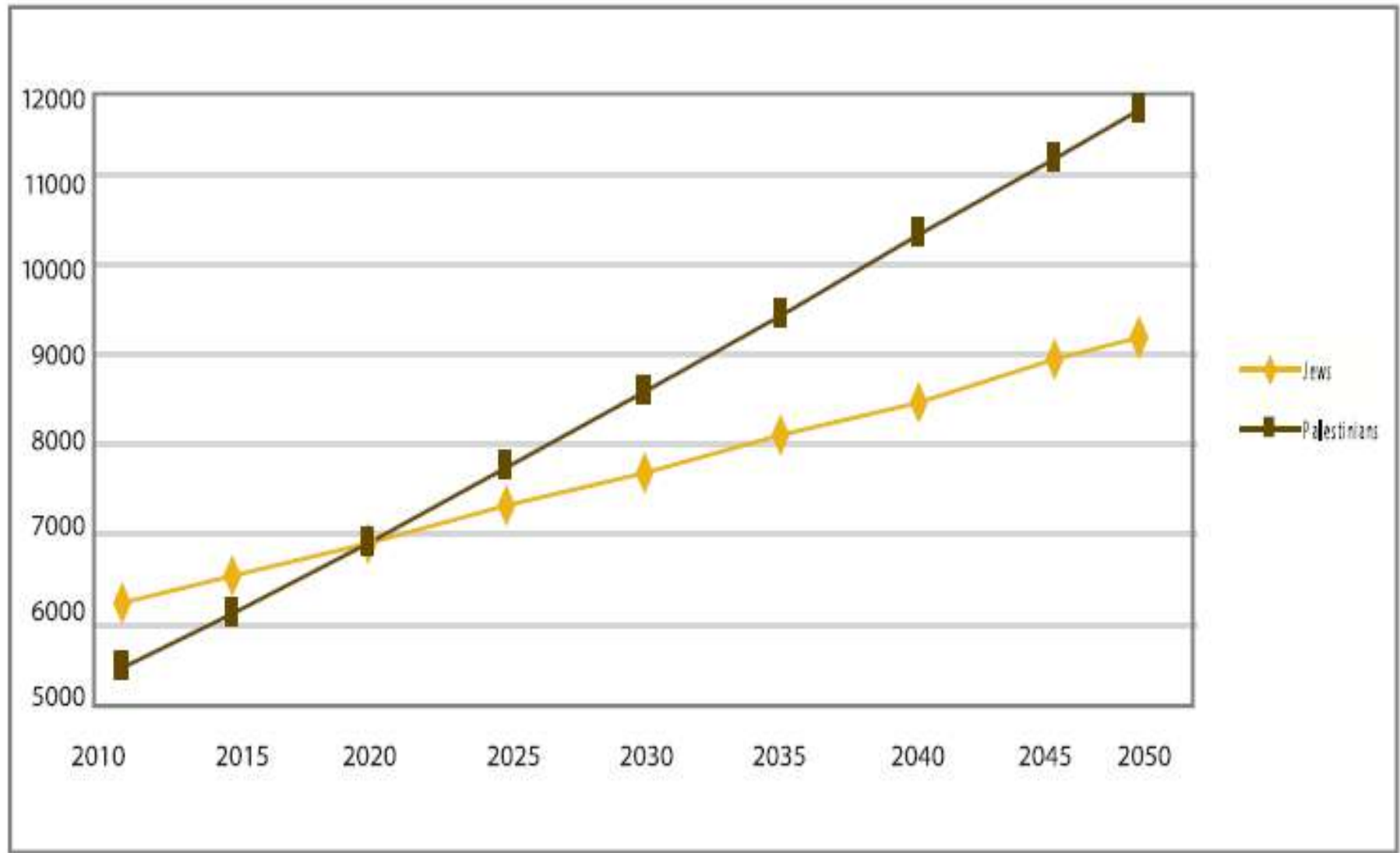
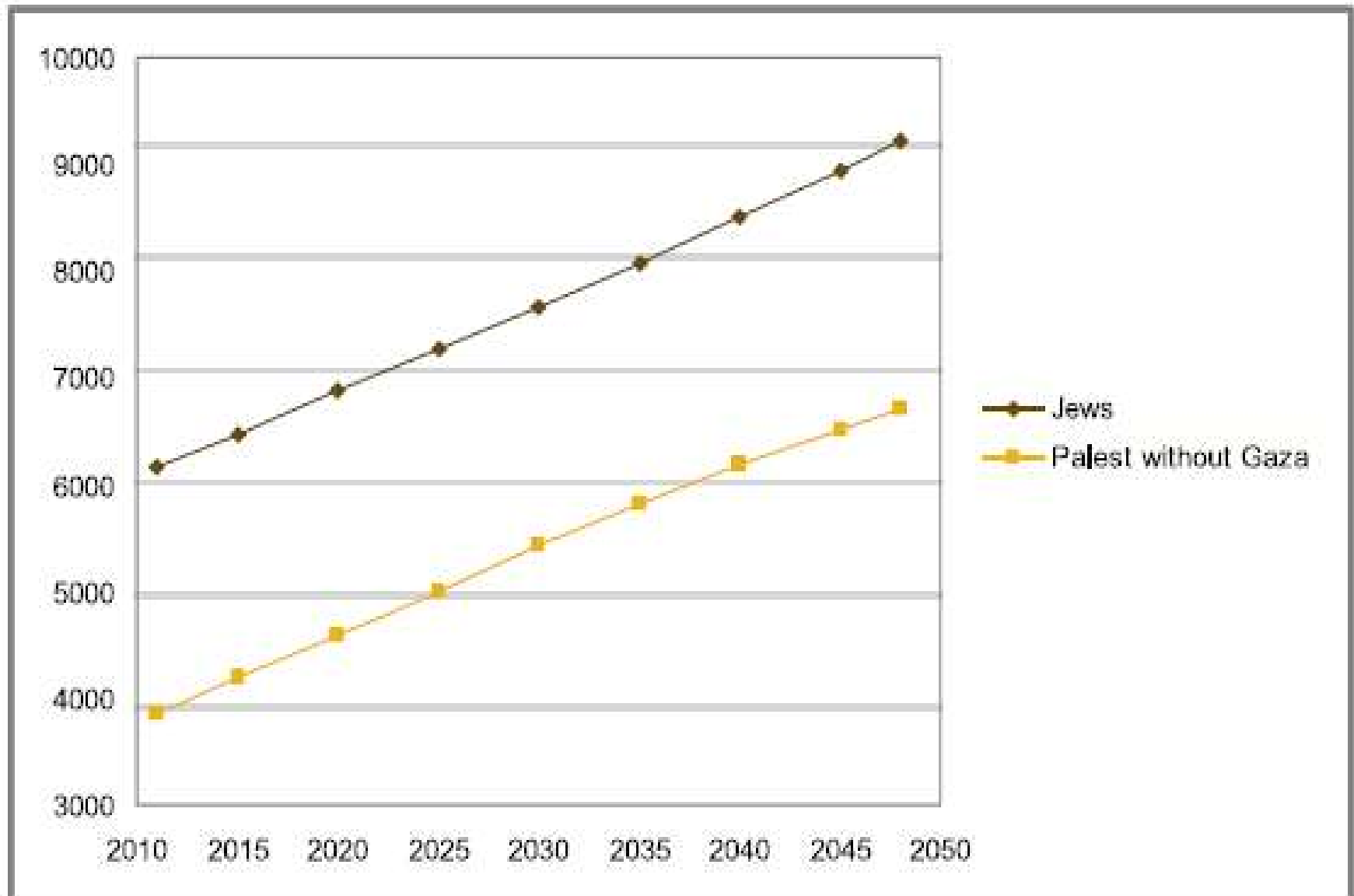


Chart 6 : Same Perspectives, Without Gaza



Jewish People in Israel

- **Ashkenazi** mainly from Eastern Europe
- **Sephardi** from the west Spain/Portugal

- 1950 **Aliyah, Law of return**
- 1989- 2005 1 million from Eastern Europe

Charedi, Haredi, Chassidi, Hassidi

1948 1%, 2018 10%

2018 July 18 Basic Law: Israel as the Nation State of the Jewish People

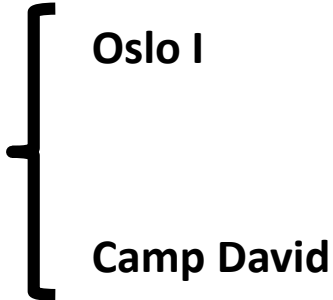
- The right to exercise national self-determination in the State of Israel is **unique to the Jewish people.**
- Hebrew is Israel's official language, and downgrades Arabic to a "special status."
- **Jewish settlement as a national value and the state "will labor to encourage and promote its establishment and development."**

Israeli politics, in a nutshell

Israeli Prime Ministers 1948-2023

Underlined in red the only 4 times of a non-right-wing government since 1986, 5 years

Bill Clinton 1992-1999



George W. Bush 2000-2008

Annapolis

Barack Obama 2009-2016

Kerry Initiative

- David Ben-Gurion (first time, 1948–53)
- Moshe Sharett (1953–55)
- David Ben-Gurion (second time, 1955–63)
- Levi Eshkol (1963–69)
- Golda Meir (1969–74)
- Yitzhak Rabin (first time, 1974–77)
- Menachem Begin (1977–83)
- Yitzhak Shamir (first time, 1983–84)
- Shimon Peres (first time, 1984–86)
- Yitzhak Shamir (second time, 1986–92)
- Yitzhak Rabin (second time, 1992–95)
- Shimon Peres (second time, 1995–96)
- Benjamin Netanyahu (first time, 1996–99)
- Ehud Barak (1999–2001)
- Ariel Sharon (2001–06)
- Ehud Olmert (2006–09)
- Benjamin Netanyahu (second time, 2009–21)
- Naftali Bennett (2021–22)
- Yair Lapid (2022)
- Benjamin Netanyahu (third time, 2022–)

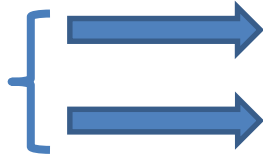
Present Knesset, n.25

Blue arrows: in
government

Itamar Ben-Gvir

Religious
parties

Arab parties



← 2021

1 November 2022

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All 120 seats in the Knesset
61 seats needed for a majority

Turnout 70.63% (▲3.19pp)

Party	Leader	%	Seats	+!/-
Likud	Benjamin Netanyahu	23.41	32	+2
Yesh Atid	Yair Lapid	17.78	24	+7
Religious Zionist	Bezalel Smotrich	10.83	14	+8
National Unity	Benny Gantz	9.08	12	-2
Shas	Aryeh Deri	8.24	11	+2
UTJ	Yitzhak Goldknopf	5.88	7	0
Yisrael Beiteinu	Avigdor Lieberman	4.49	6	-1
Ra'am	Mansour Abbas	4.07	5	+1
Hadash-Ta'al	Ayman Odeh	3.75	5	0
Labor	Merav Michaeli	3.69	4	-3

Negotiations – Agreements

1977- 2000

Camp David Accords, September 7, 1978

**November
1977
Sadat visits
Israel**

**1979 Israel
Egypt Peace
treaty**



The Oslo peace process

- 1991 Madrid Conference
- **1993 Oslo I**
- 1994 April May, **Paris Protocol**, on Economic Relations, between Israel and the PLO
- 1994 October, **Jordan** and Israel sign the peace treaty
- **1995 Oslo II**
- **1995 November 4, Yitzhak Rabin assassinated**

Washington, September 13, 1993



The Oslo Agreement, 1993-1995

Two states solution

Unsolved issues:

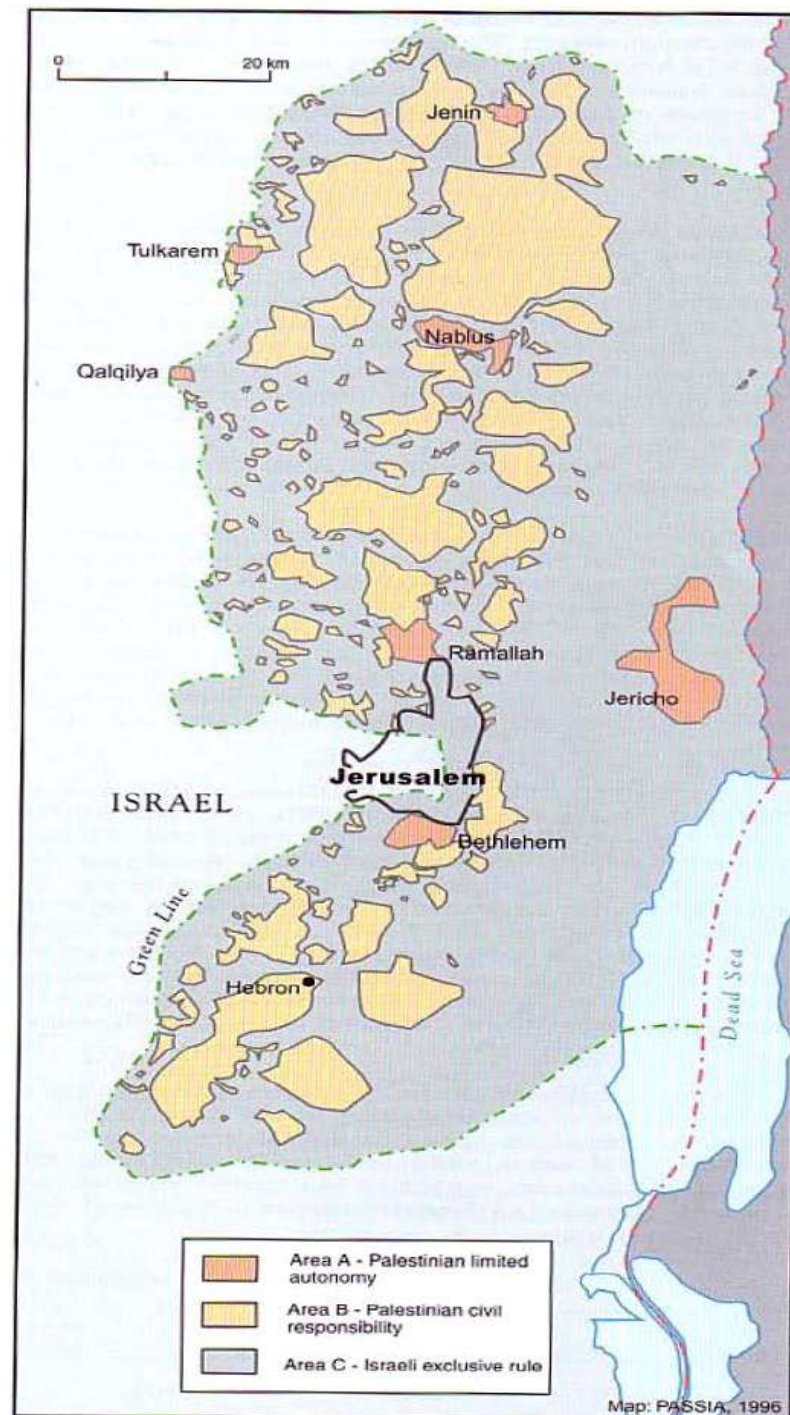
- **Refugees, Right to return**
- **Territory, Land**
- **Status of Jerusalem**

The Oslo Agreements 1993-1995

area a

area b

area c



Camp David Summit, July 2000

September 28, 2000, Second intifada begins

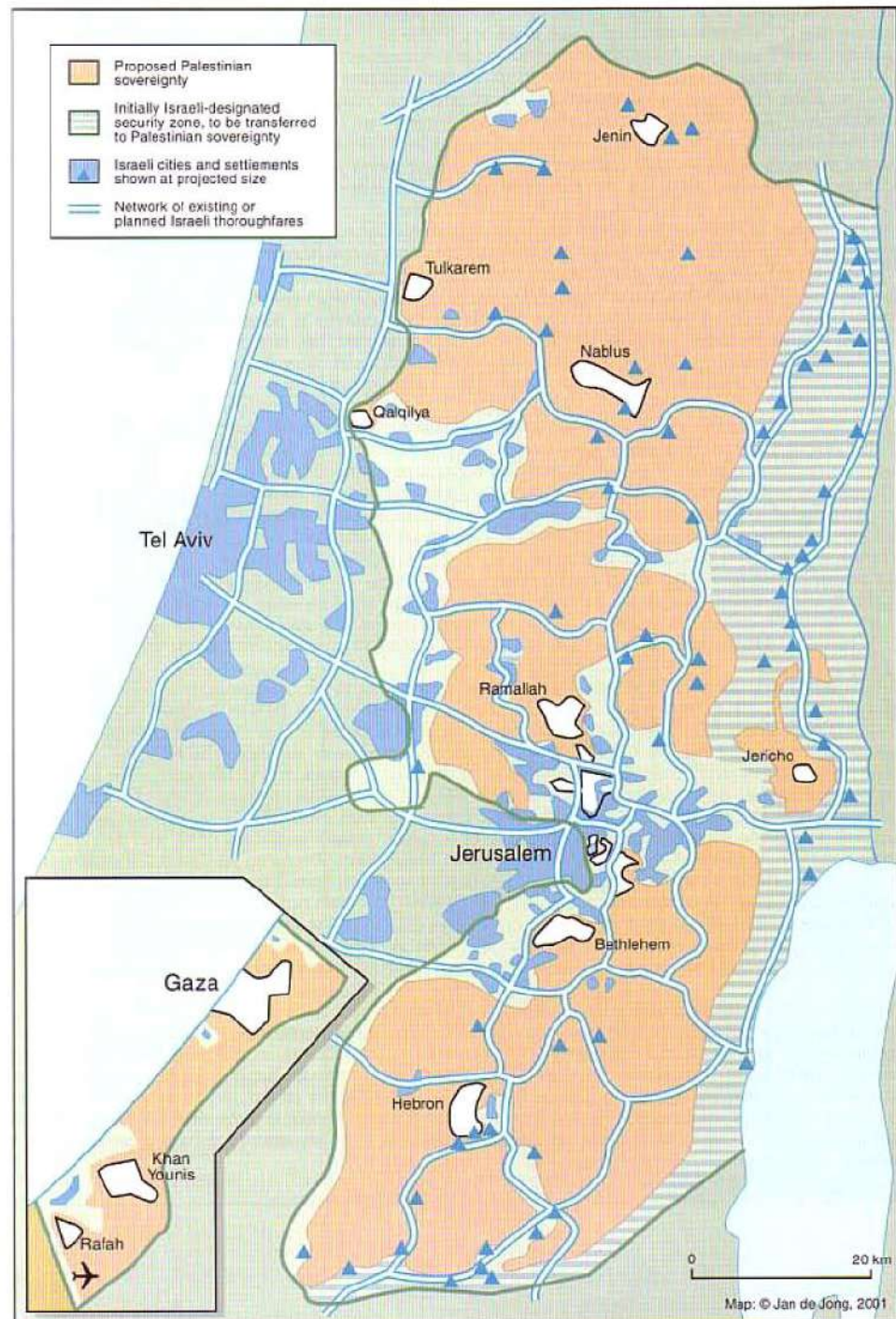


Camp David 2000 and after

- ❖ **2000** July Camp David
- ❖ **September 28** Sharon's walk on Haram al Sharif
- ❖ **December 23, the Clinton Parameters**
 - 2001 January 27 **Taba summit**
 - 2002 The **Aix group**, Economic Road Map
 - 2002 Arab League Saudi Initiative
 - 2003 Geneva initiative
- **2005** Israel leaves the Gaza strip, the separation wall is being built
- Annapolis November **2007-2008**
- John Kerry **2014-15**

Camp David

July 2000



Map Reflecting Clinton Ideas



Clinton parameters December 2000



During the second intifada 2000-2005

- **September 28, 2000 Ariel Sharon on Al-Aqsa Mosque**
- **Second Intifada, Al-Aqsa Intifada, 2000-2005**
- **April 2002 Battle of Jenin**
- **2002 the Arab League peace initiative**
- **2002- 2003 Siege of Muqata'a, Arafat's presidential building in Ramallah**
- **2003 Mahmoud Abbas appointed Prime Minister**
- **2004 November Arafat dies in Paris**
- **2005 Abbas elected President**

The West Bank and the settlements

Israelis in the **West Bank excluding East Jerusalem**

The Israeli Central Bureau of Statistics

Number of Settlers by Year

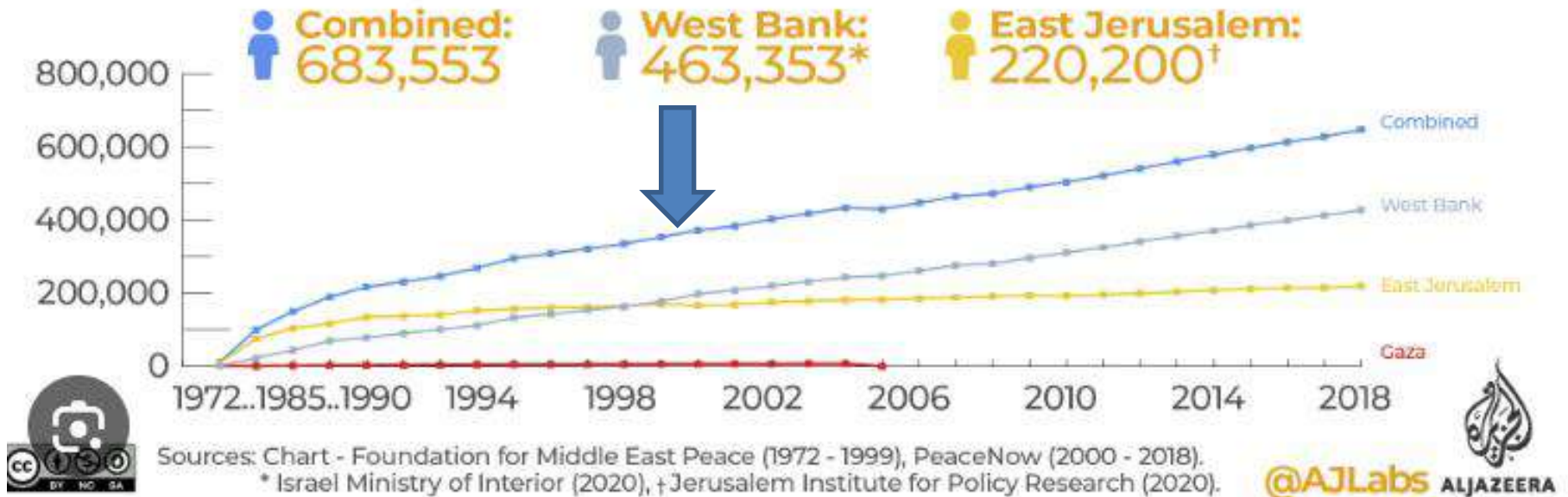
Source: ICBS



1972 - 2018

Israeli settler growth

The population of Israeli settlers in the West Bank and East Jerusalem is **growing at a faster rate** than the population of Israel. Roughly 10 percent of Israel's 6.8 million Jewish population live in these occupied Palestinian territories.



[-https://www.btselem.org/settlements/statistics](https://www.btselem.org/settlements/statistics)

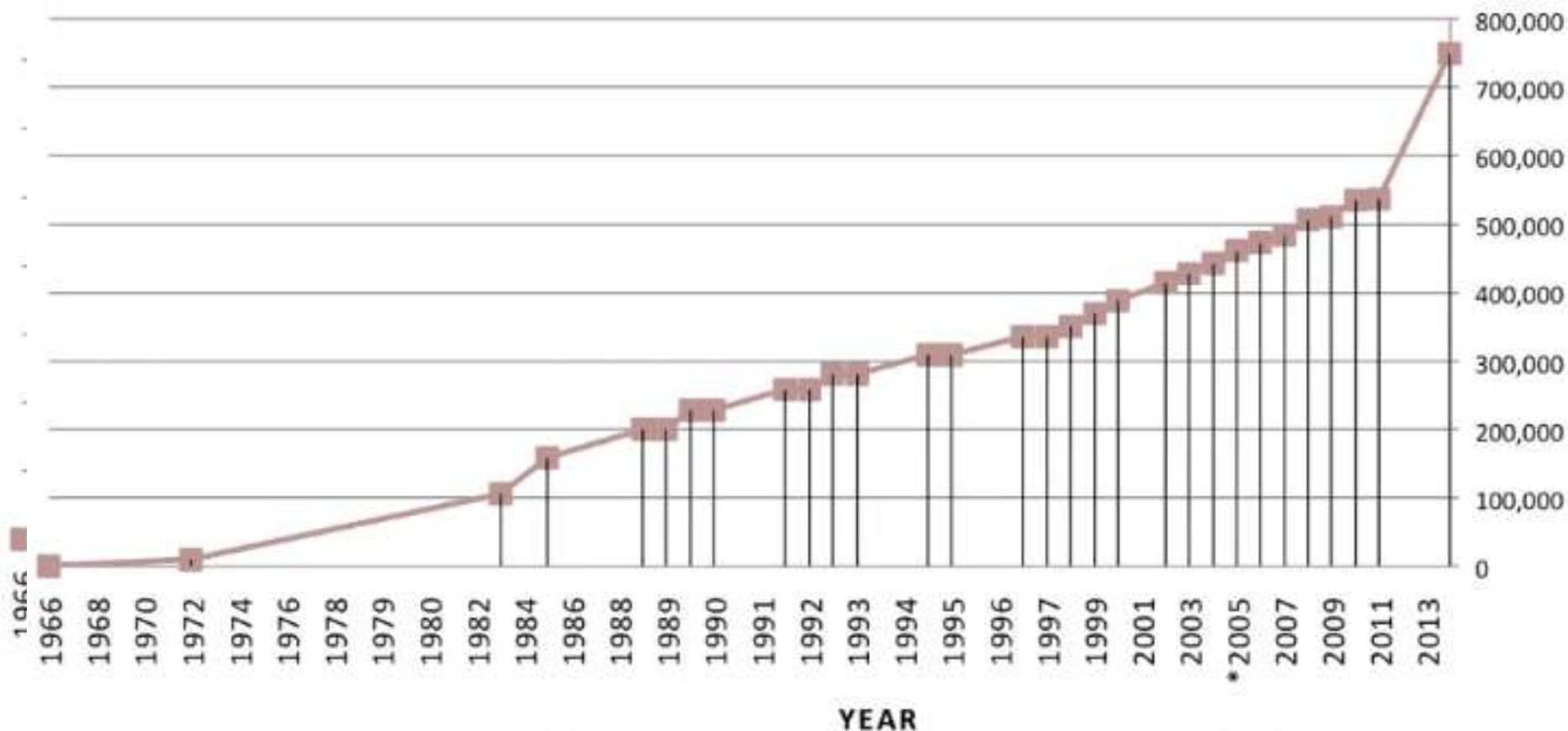
-TOR WENNESLAND, UN Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process

27 SEPTEMBER 2023

Settlement Expansion in Occupied Palestinian Territory Violates International Law, Must Cease, Many Delegates Tell Security Council

<https://press.un.org/en/2023/sc15424.doc.htm>

Israeli Settlers Living in the West Bank, East Jerusalem, Gaza and the Golan Heights From 1966 to the Present



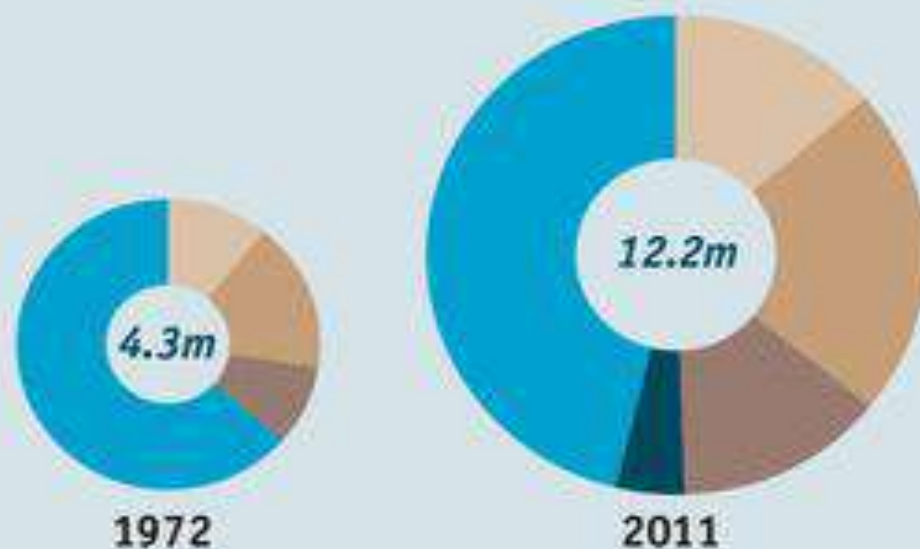
* In August 2005, Israel evacuated all settlements from the Gaza Strip.

Sources: Foundation for Middle East Peace, Israel's Central Bureau of Statistics, The Jerusalem Post, The Times of Israel, B'Tselem, Israeli Housing Minister Uri Ariel

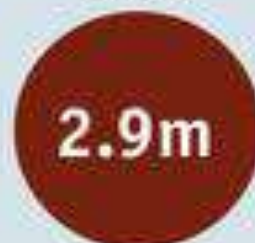


Even Stevens

Israeli and Palestinian populations

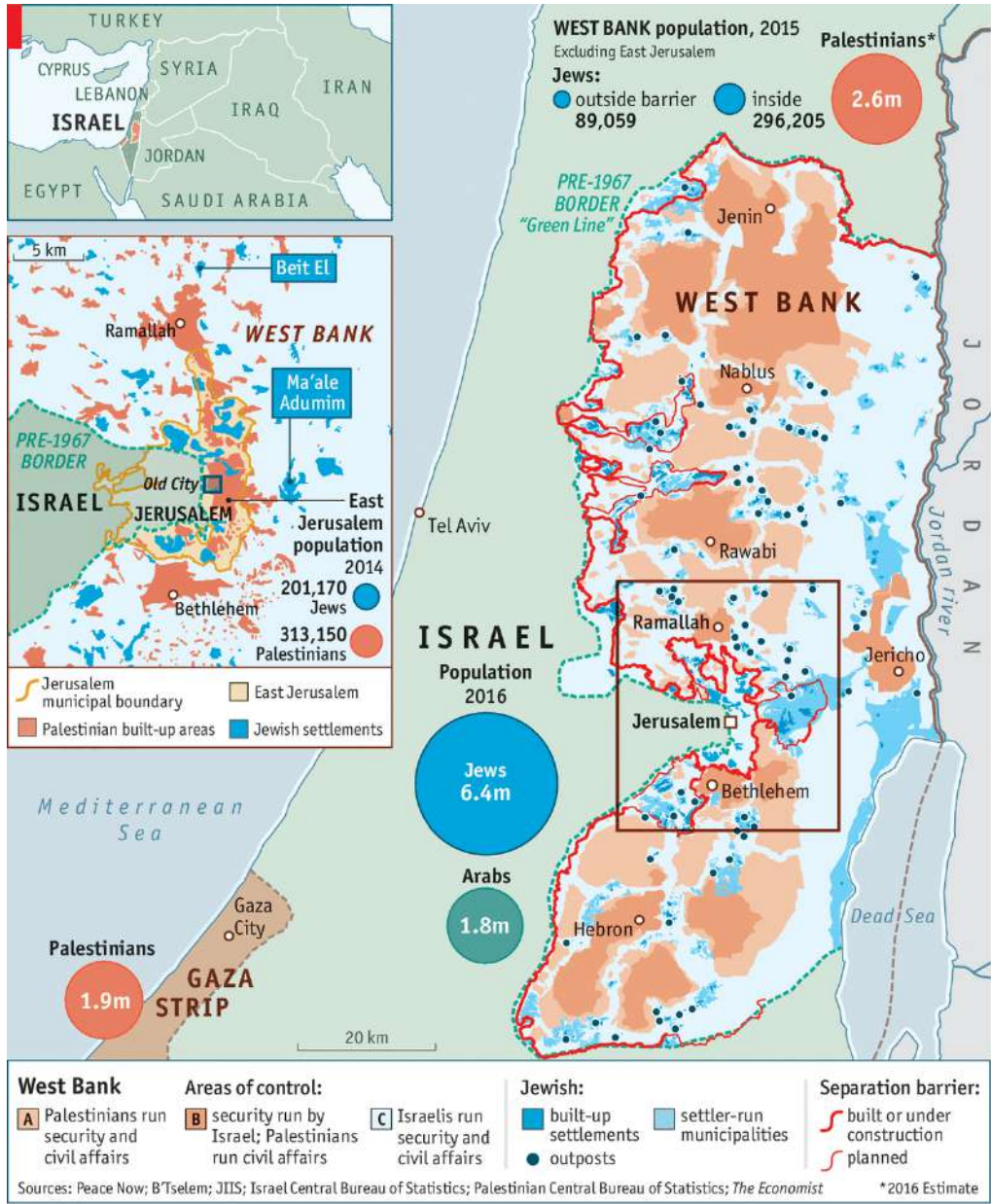


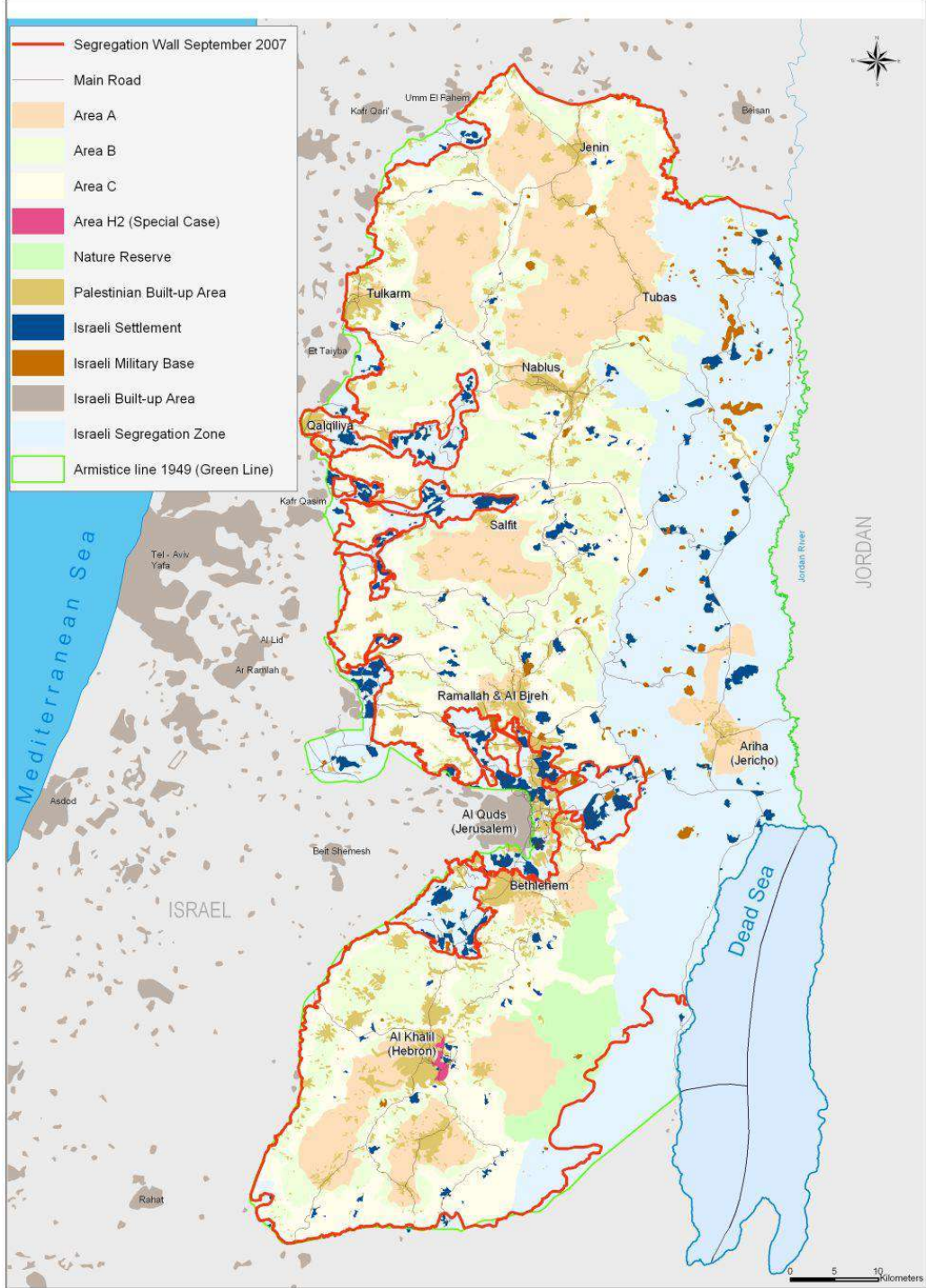
Palestinian refugees†



*Including East Jerusalem, 2010 †Registered with UNRWA in Jordan, Lebanon and Syria, 1970 and 2012

Sources: Israel's Central Bureau of Statistics; Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics; Peace Now; UNRWA

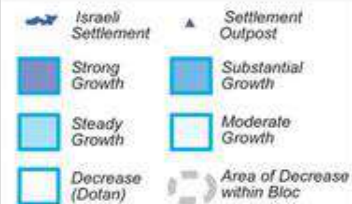
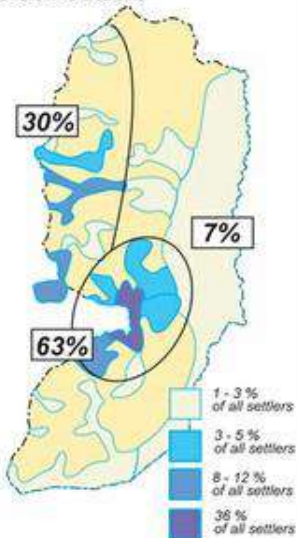






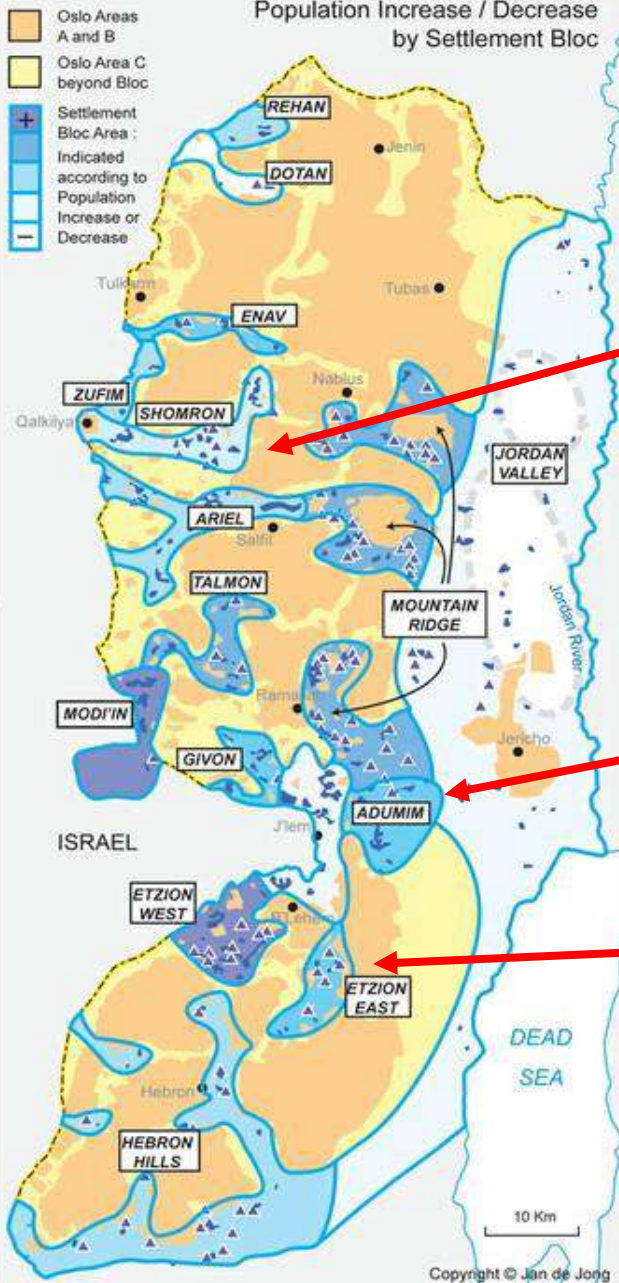
Israeli Settlements: Population Growth and Concentration - 1995-2011

Territorial Distribution of Israeli Settlers



REHAN	+ 215 %
DOTAN	- 5 %
ENAV	+ 236 %
ZUFIM	+ 188 %
SHOMRON	+ 150 %
ARIEL	+ 170 %
TALMON	+ 283 %
MODI'IN	+ 1,470 %
MOUNTAIN RIDGE	+ 327 %
JORDAN VALLEY	+ 170 %
ADUMIM	+ 213 %
GIVON	+ 185 %
EAST-J.M.	+ 153 %
ETZION W.	+ 394 %
ETZION E.	+ 250 %
HEBRON HILLS	+ 170 %

Population Increase / Decrease by Settlement Bloc



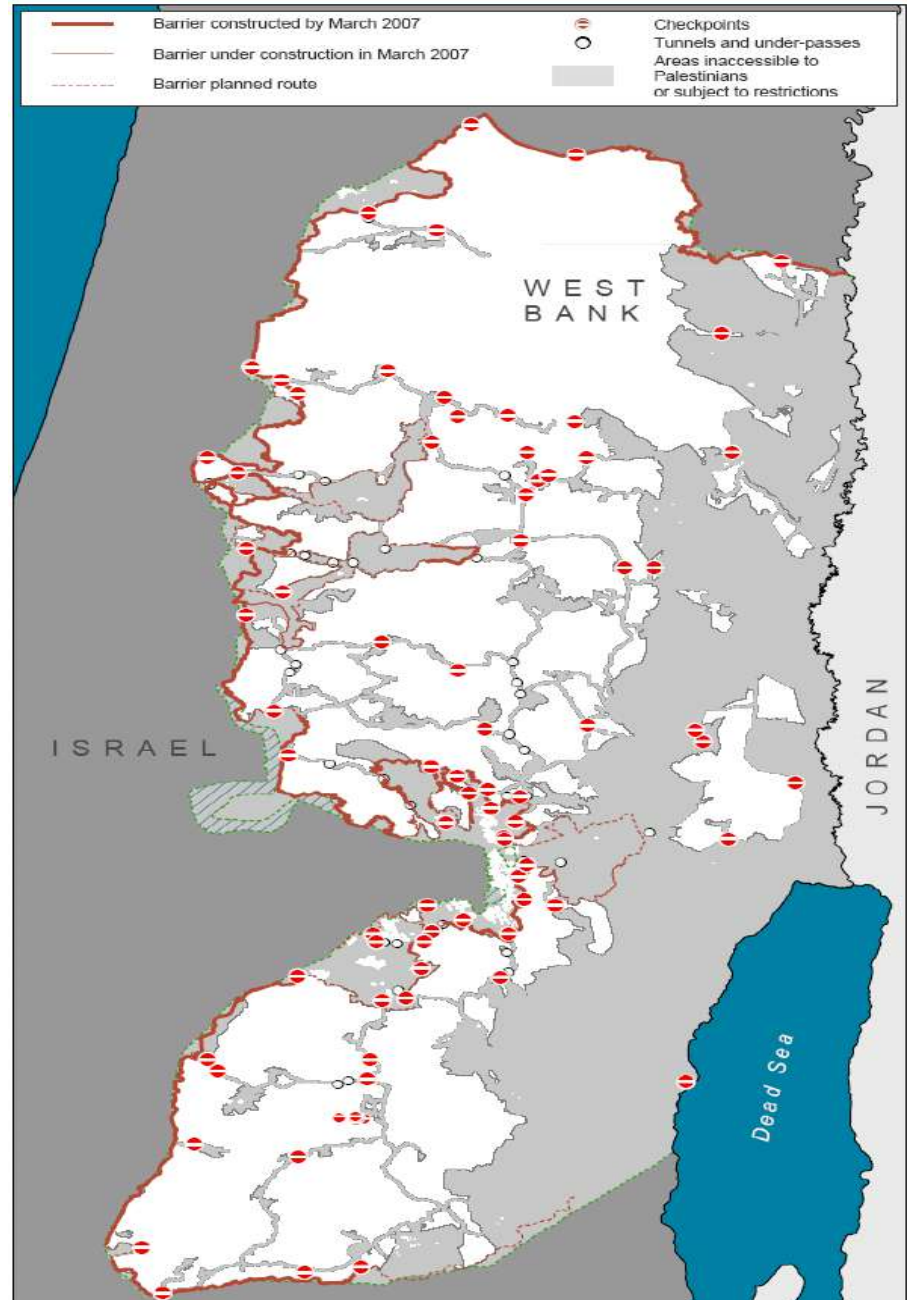
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Ma'le Adumim

Gush Etzion

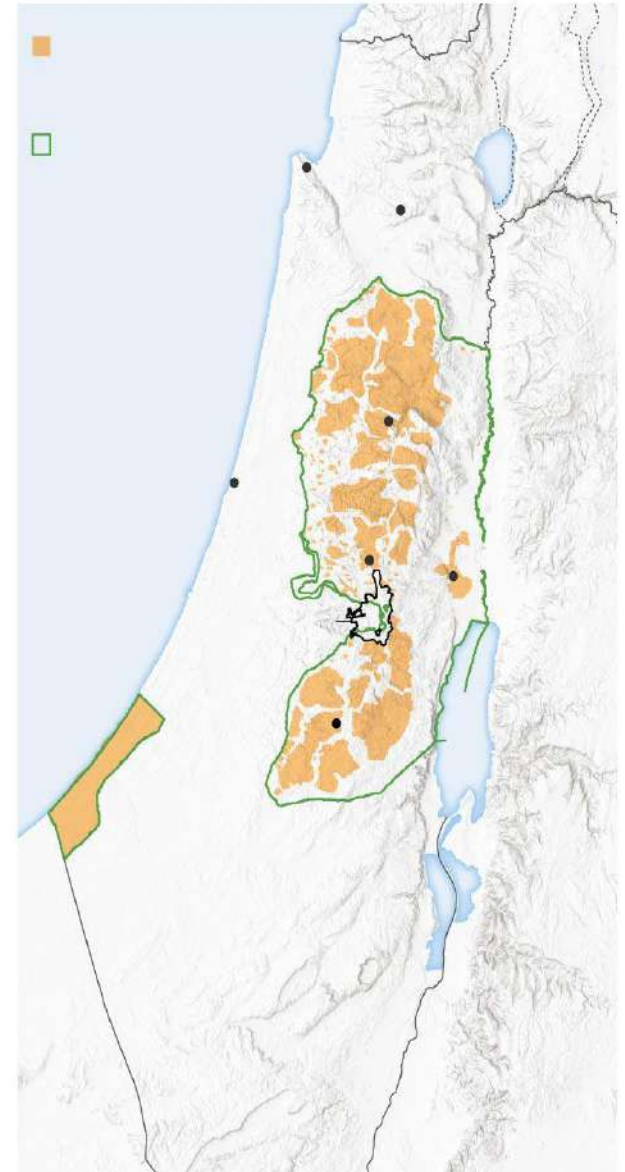
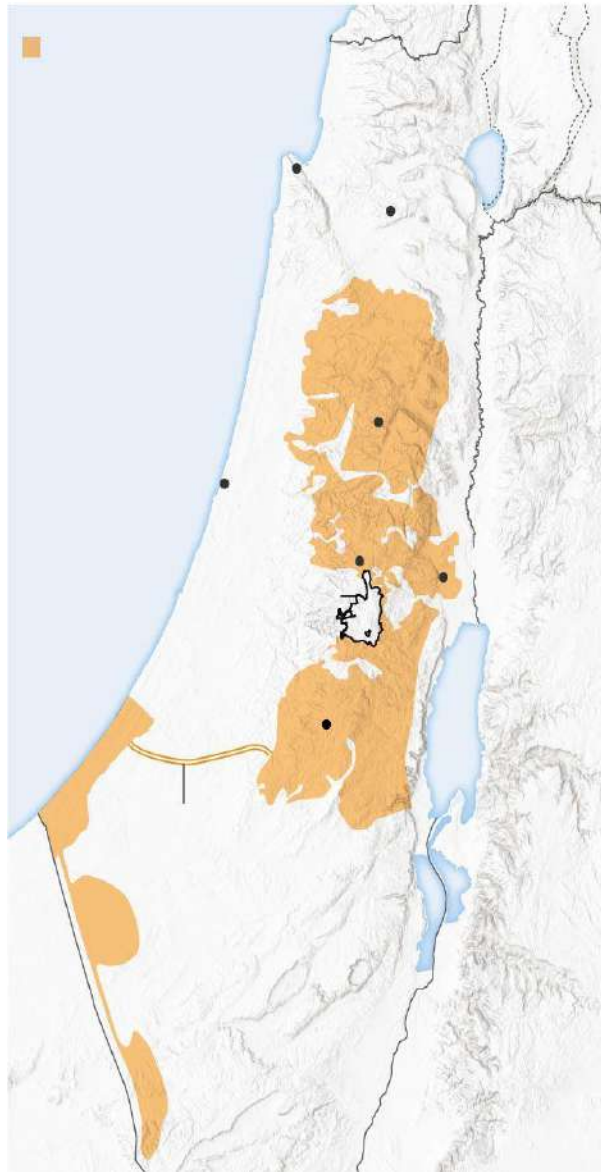
Israeli settlements, roads primarily for settler use, closed military zones and other measures fragment the West Bank. Checkpoints, underpasses and permits regulate much of Palestinian movement.

Check points in the West Bank



Trump, January 2020

*Peace to Prosperity:
A Vision to Improve
the Lives of the
Palestinian and
Israeli People*



Gaza

Gaza and West Bank





2,1 mln

Popolazione

365 km²

Area

45%

Tasso di disoccupazione

64%

Famiglie a rischio di insicurezza alimentare

Una delle zone più densamente popolate al mondo

Tra i più alti al mondo

Soprattutto in aree rurali

Operazioni e attacchi militari israeliani nella Striscia più recenti:

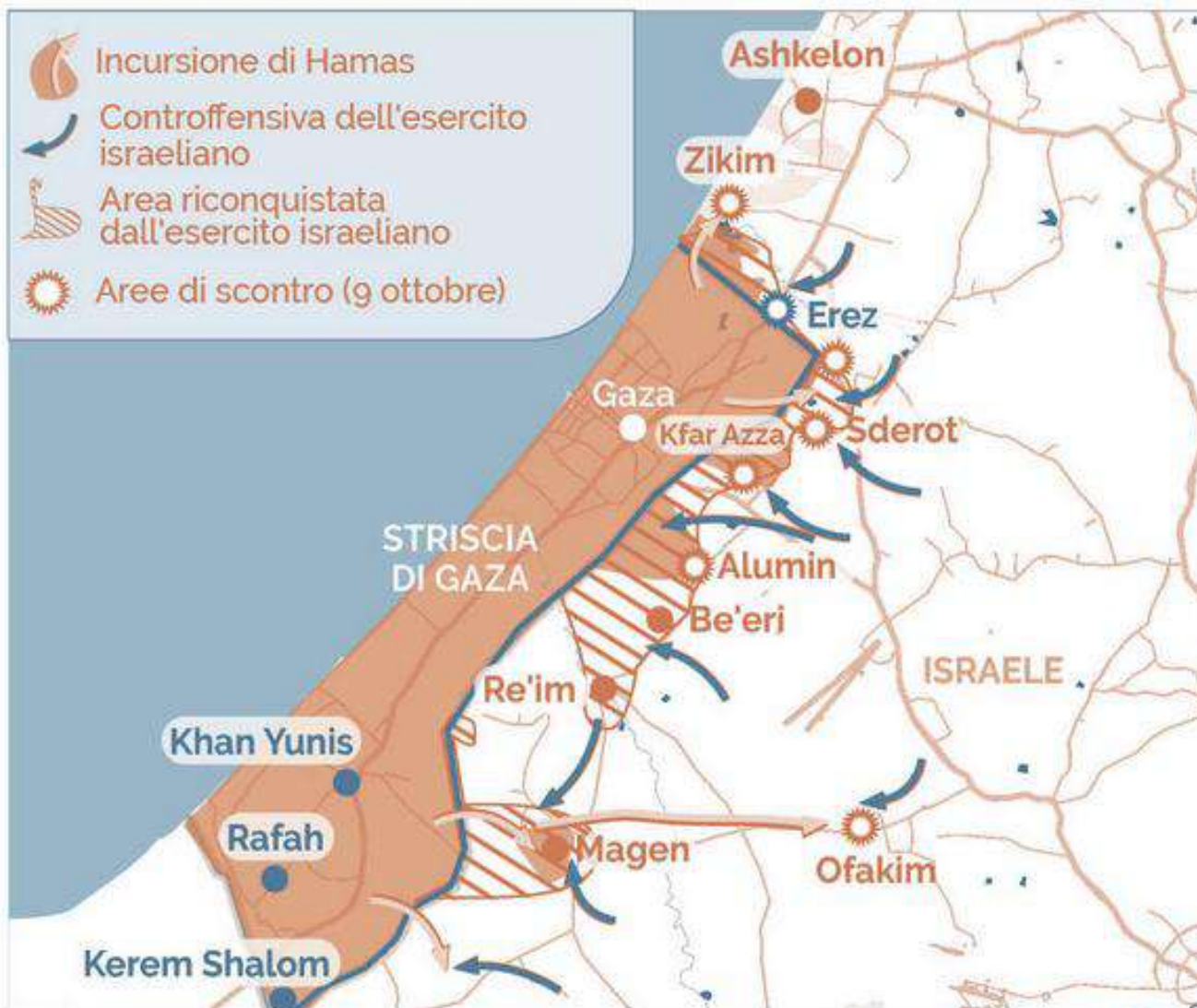
- ▶ 2008-09 (23 giorni)
- ▶ 2012 (8 giorni)
- ▶ 2014 (50 giorni)
- ▶ 2021 (11 giorni)
- ▶ 2022 (3 giorni)
- ▶ Maggio 2023 (5 giorni)



Fonte:
UN, Al Jazeera Labs, Reliefweb

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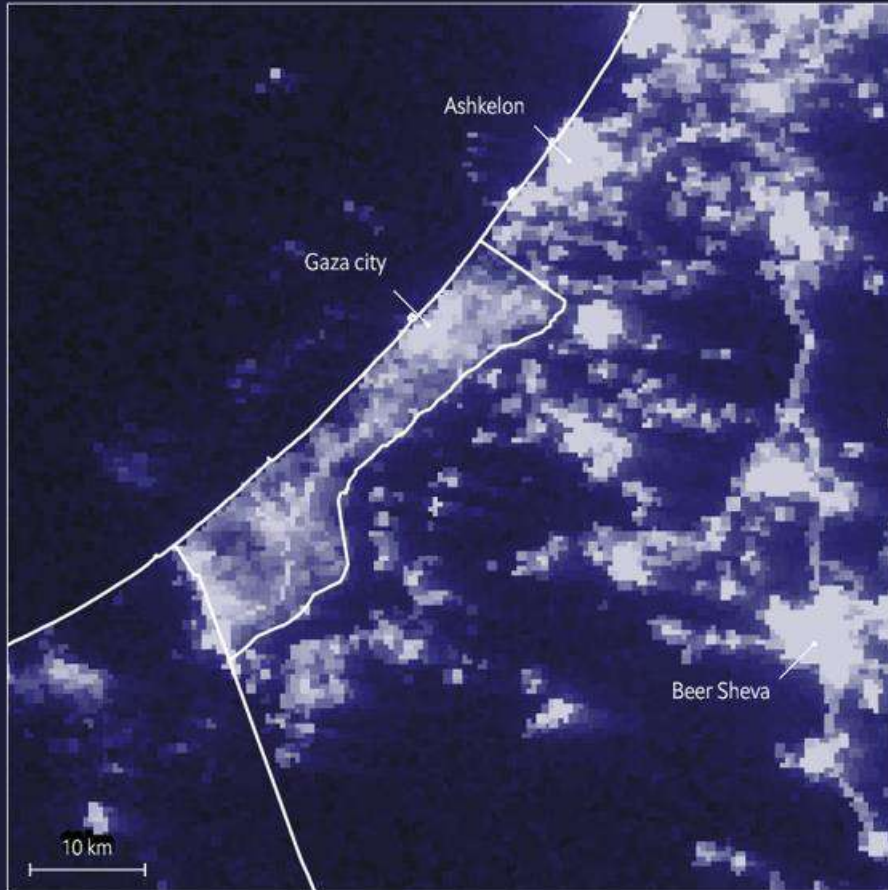
Israele, l'attacco di Hamas



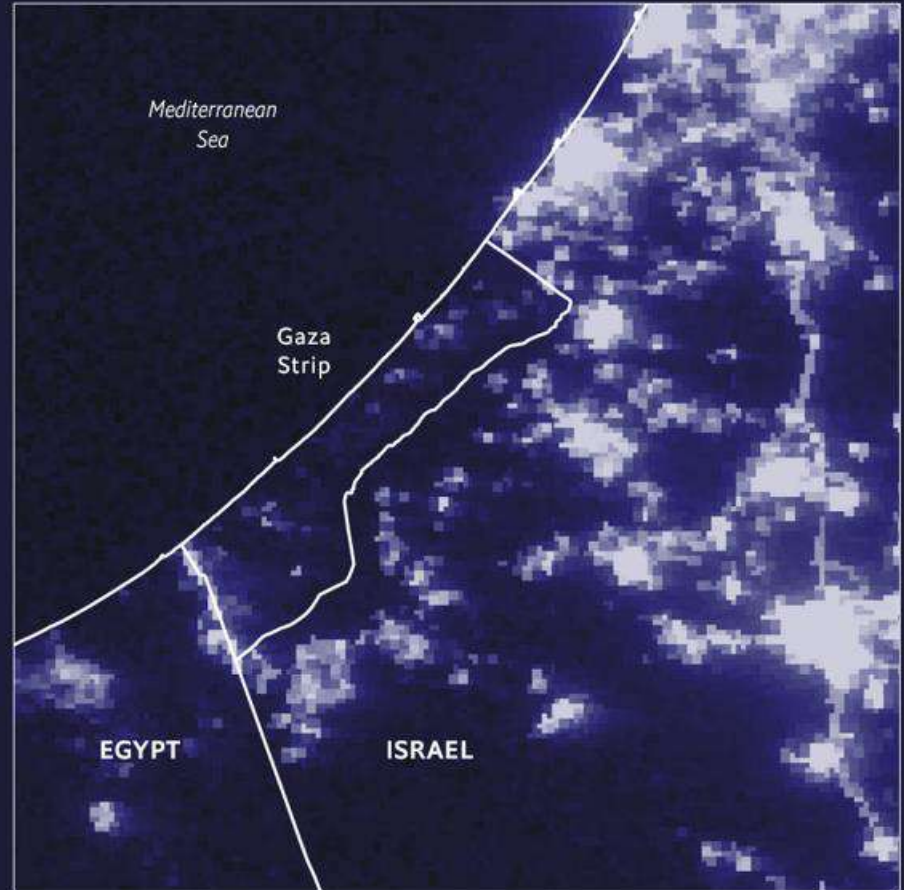
Fonte:
Warmapper, Haaretz, Le Monde

ISPI

Sep 24th 2023

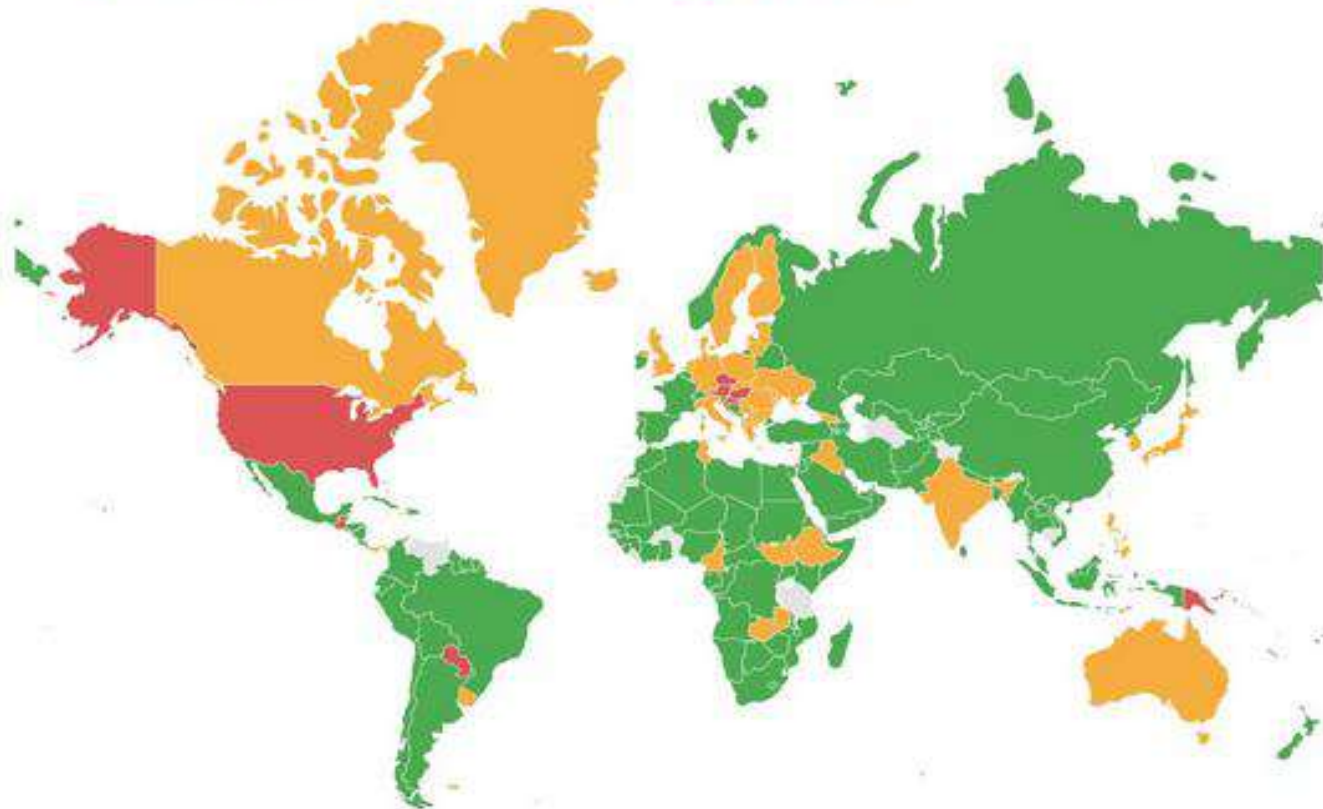


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Votazione dei paesi nell'Assemblea Generale delle Nazioni Unite

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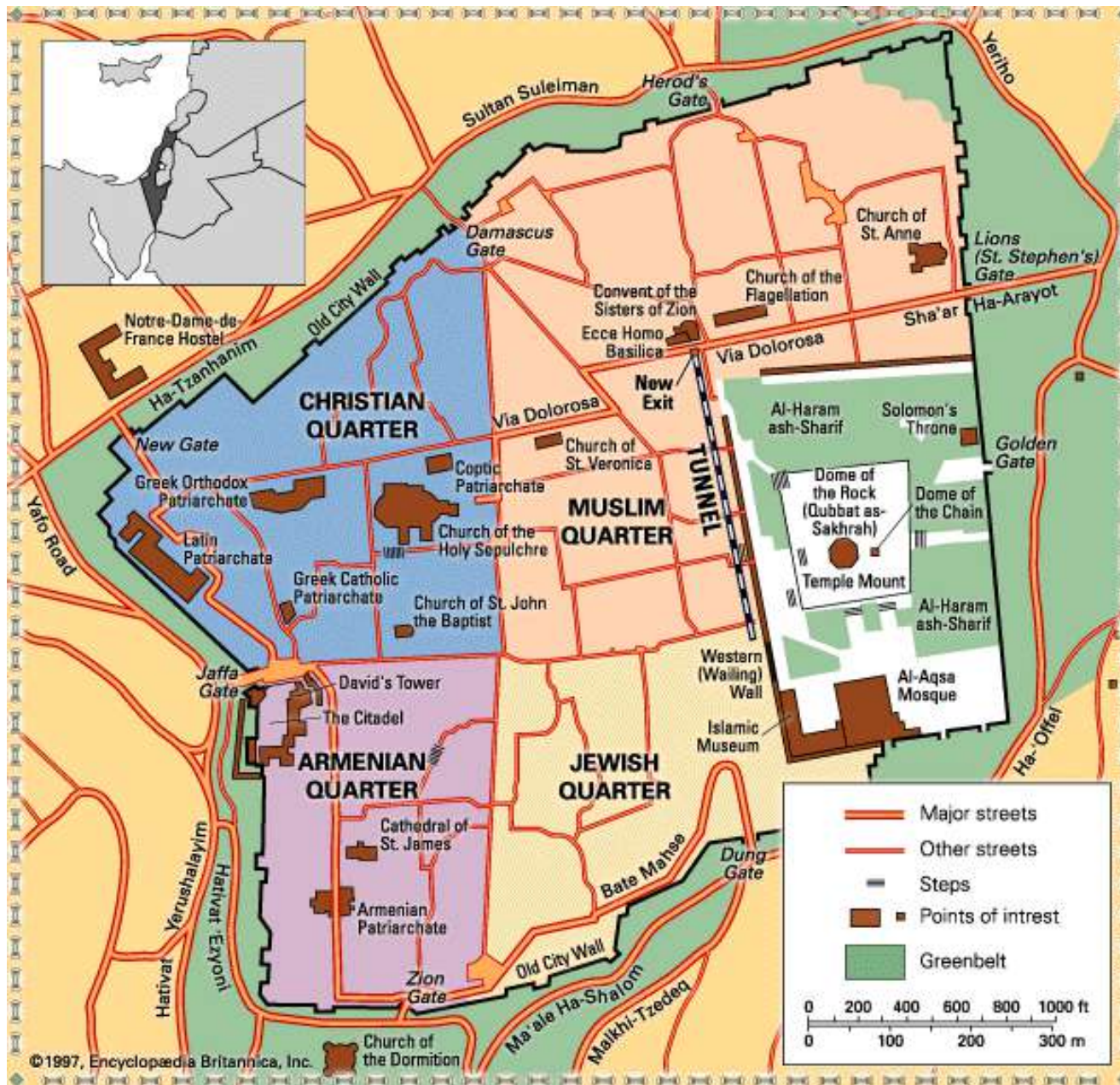
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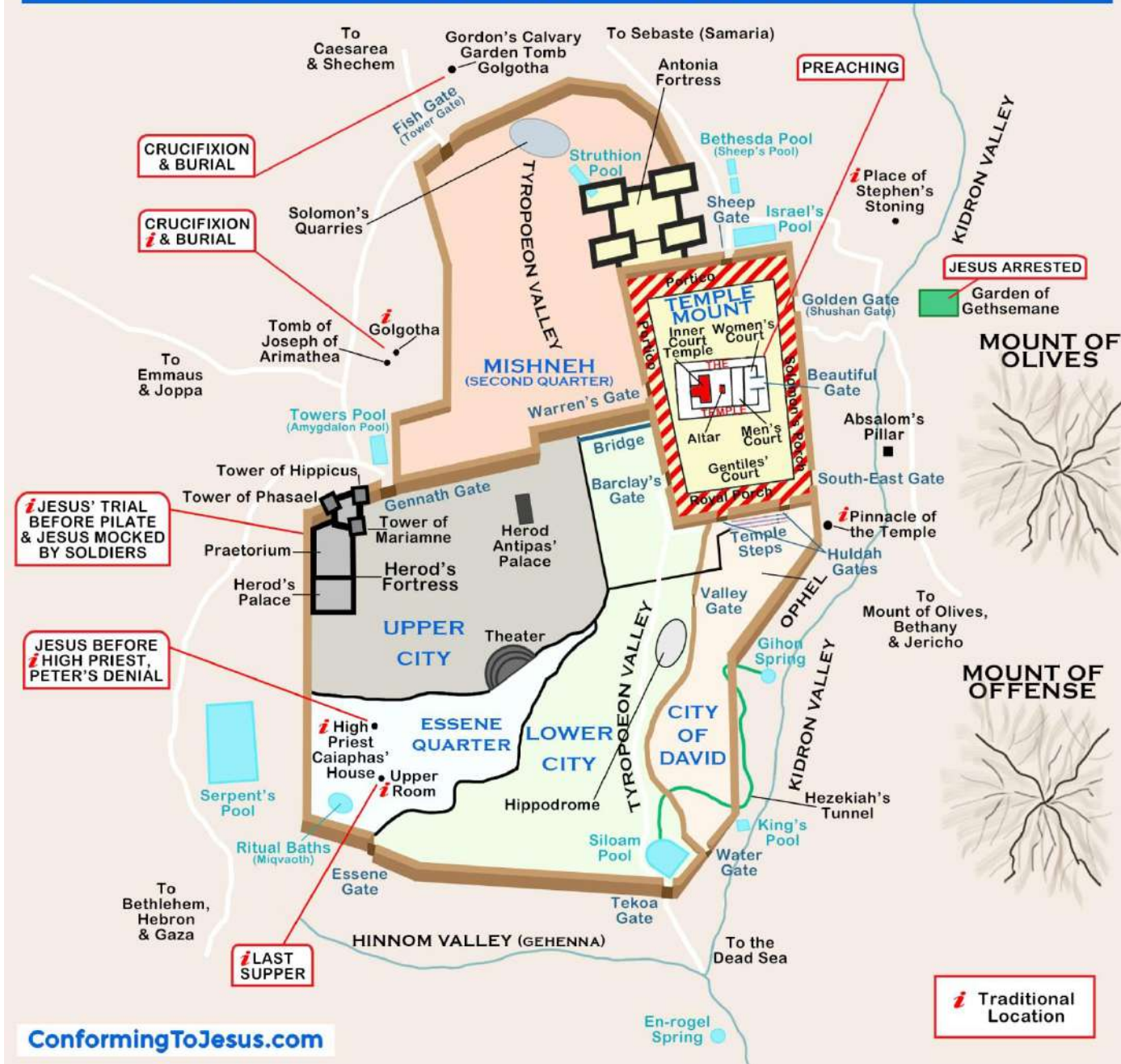
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The Jordanian [resolution has been adopted](#) by the General Assembly, with 120 [votes](#) in favour, 14 against and 45 abstentions.

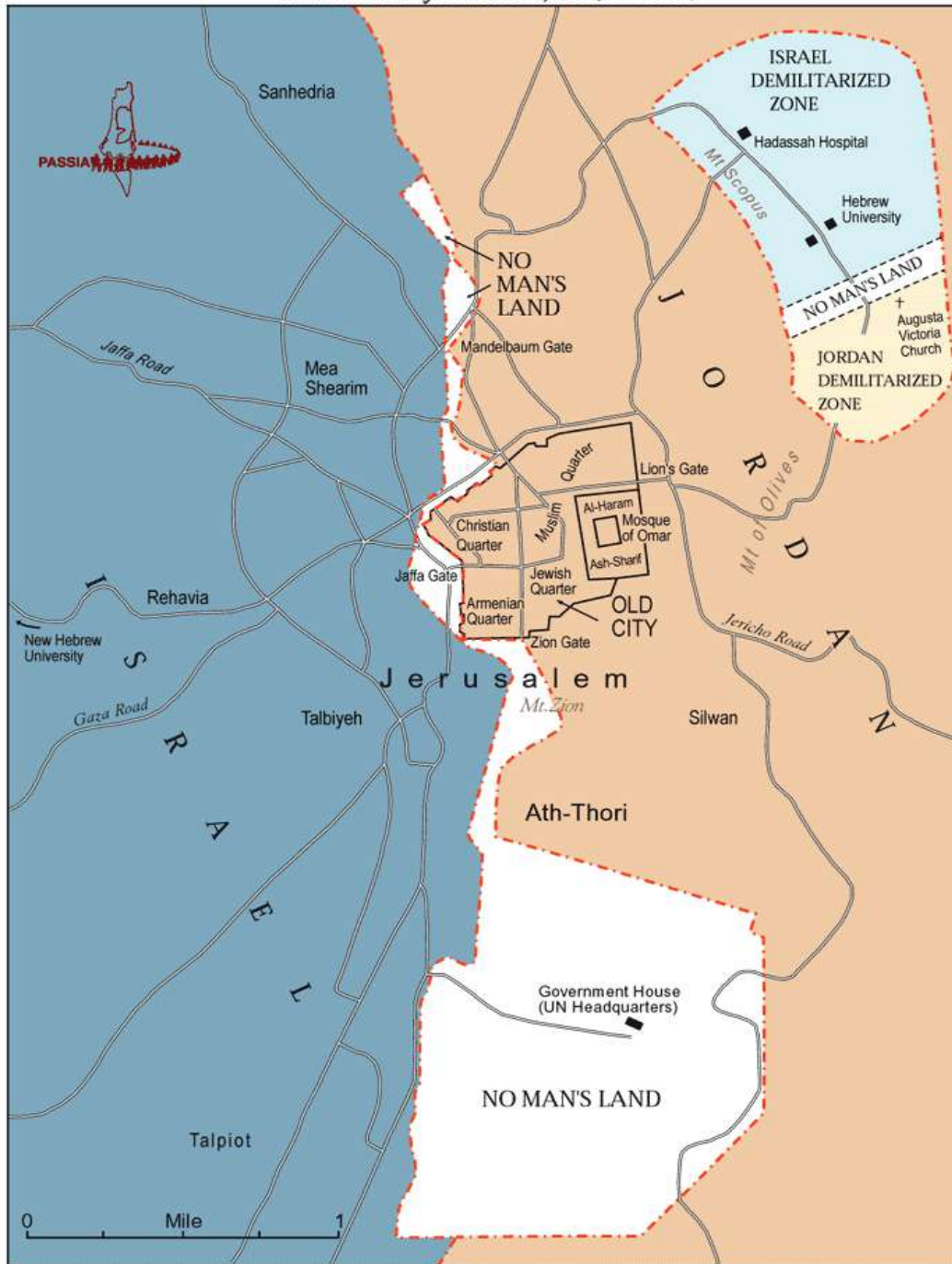
Jerusalem



JERUSALEM IN THE TIME OF JESUS

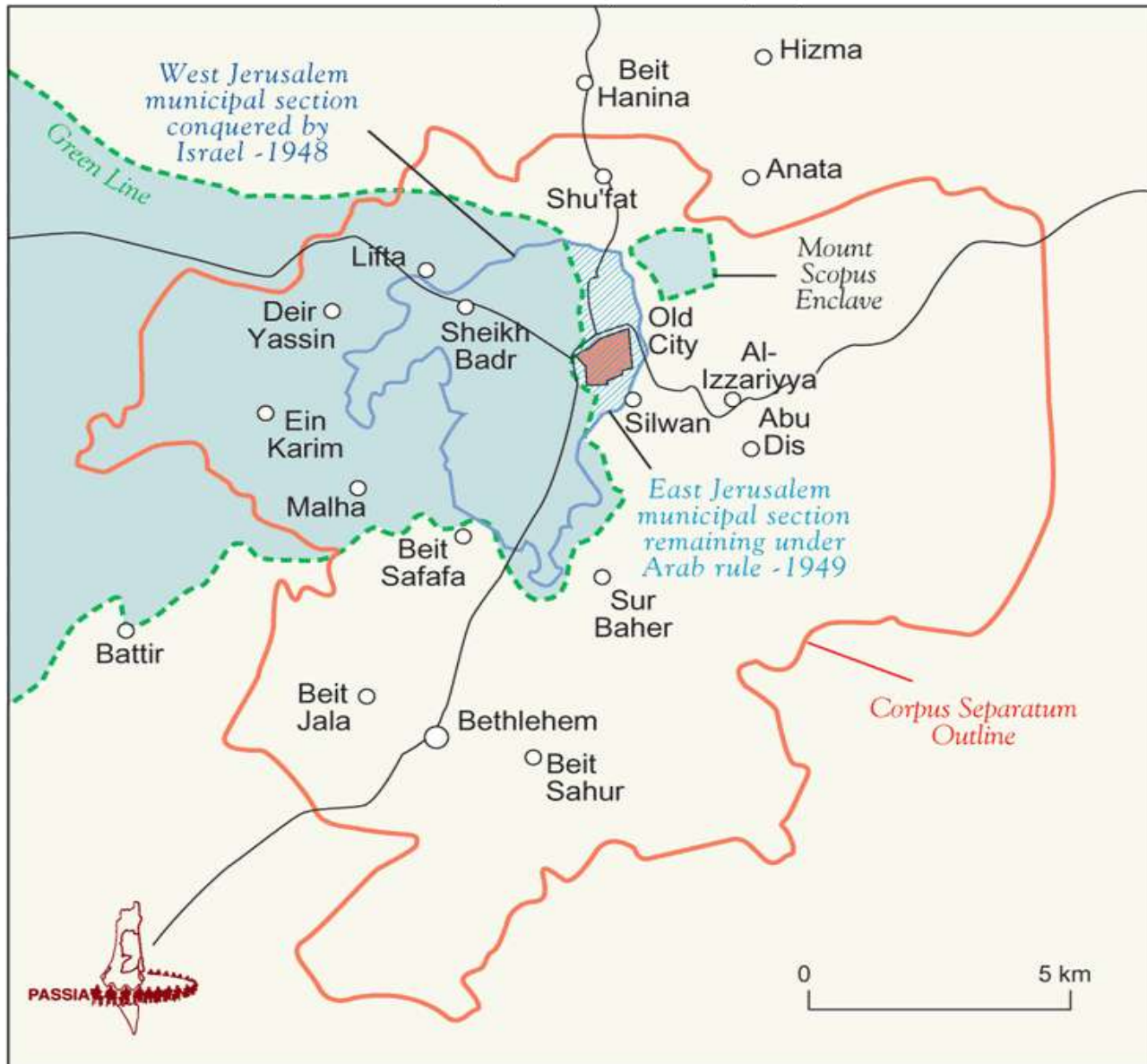


Partitioned Jerusalem, 1948 -1967



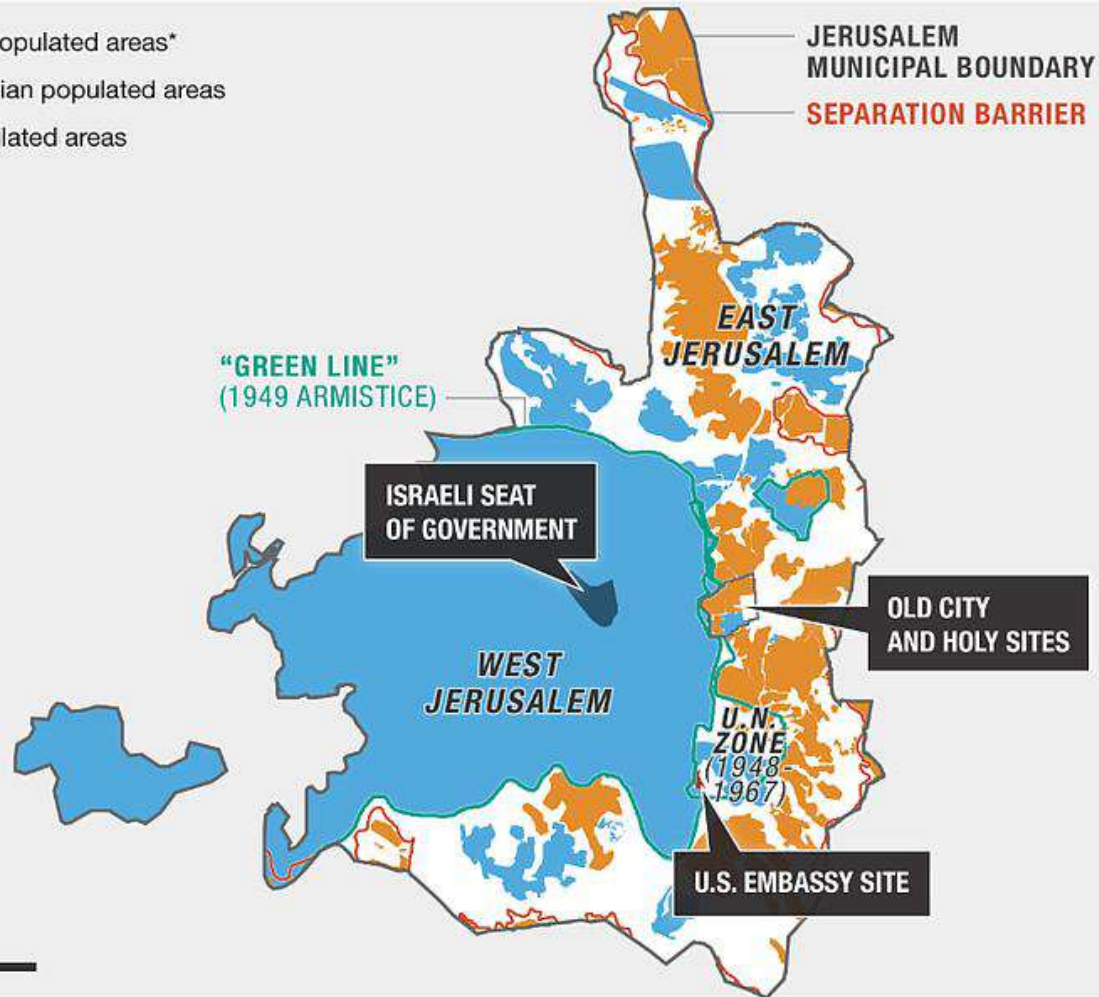
Jerusalem 1948-1967

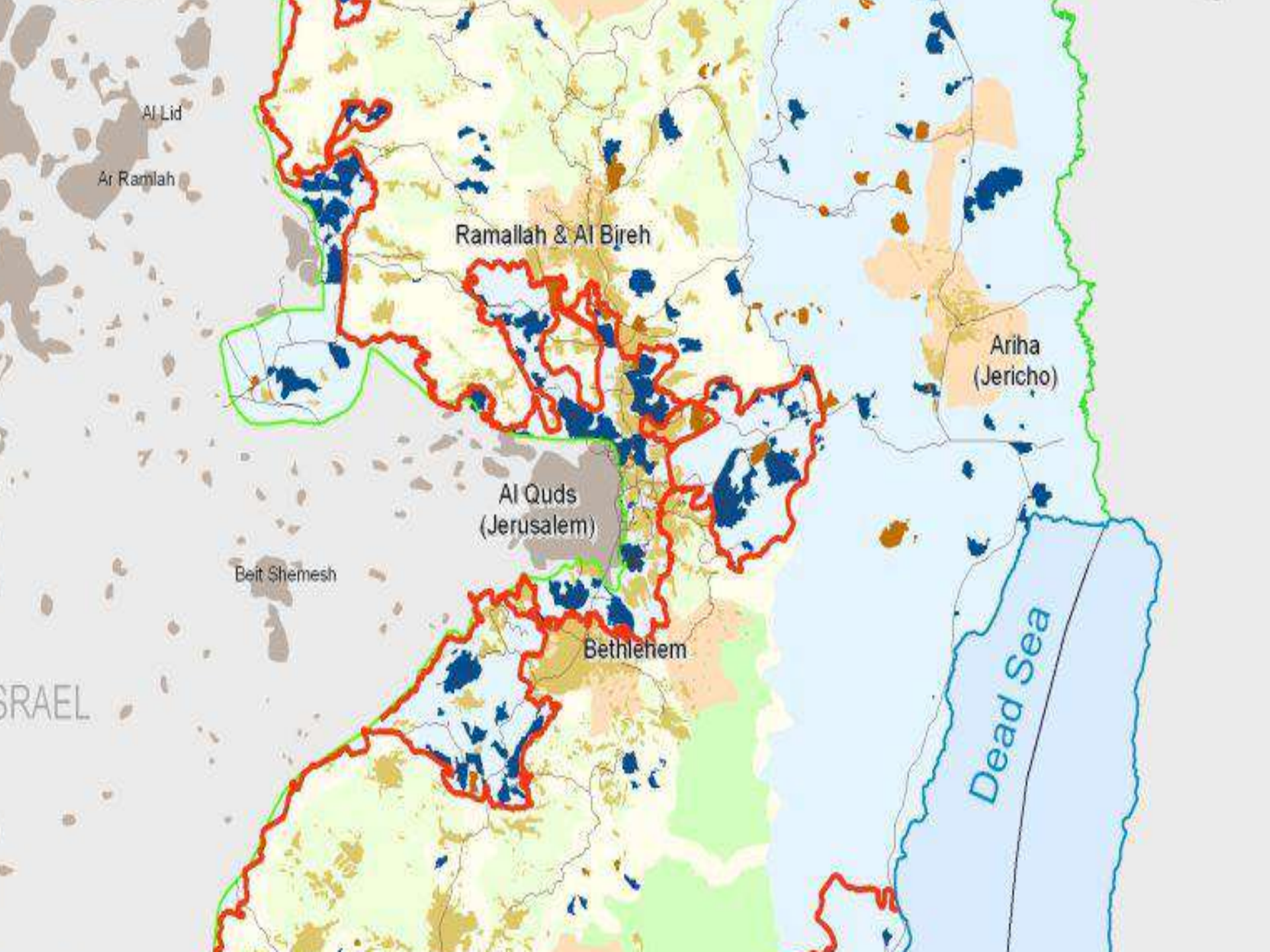
Jerusalem and the Corpus Separatum proposed in 1947

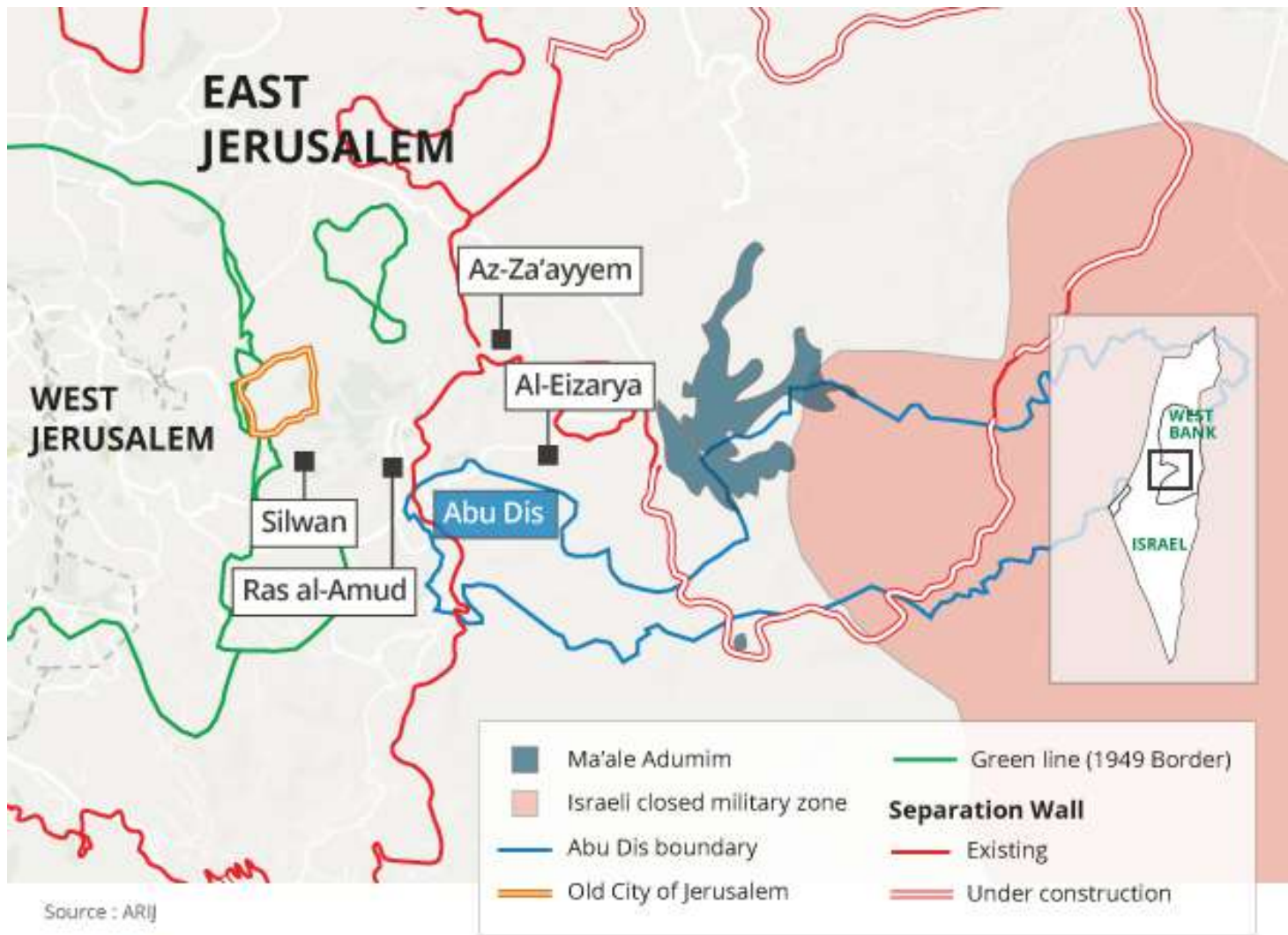


On 29 November 1947, as part of its resolution on Palestine (Resolution 181 (II)A), the General Assembly of the United Nations adopted the proposal that, "The City of Jerusalem shall be established as a *corpus separatum* under a special international regime and shall be administered by the United Nations". Under this plan a referendum was to be held after ten years to seek the views of the City's residents as to whether the international regime should continue, or be modified.

- Israeli populated areas*
- Palestinian populated areas
- Unpopulated areas







Source : ARIJ

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הר חומה-המכללה להדסה
קניון ירושלים-פיסט זאב
רמת דוד-הר חוצבים
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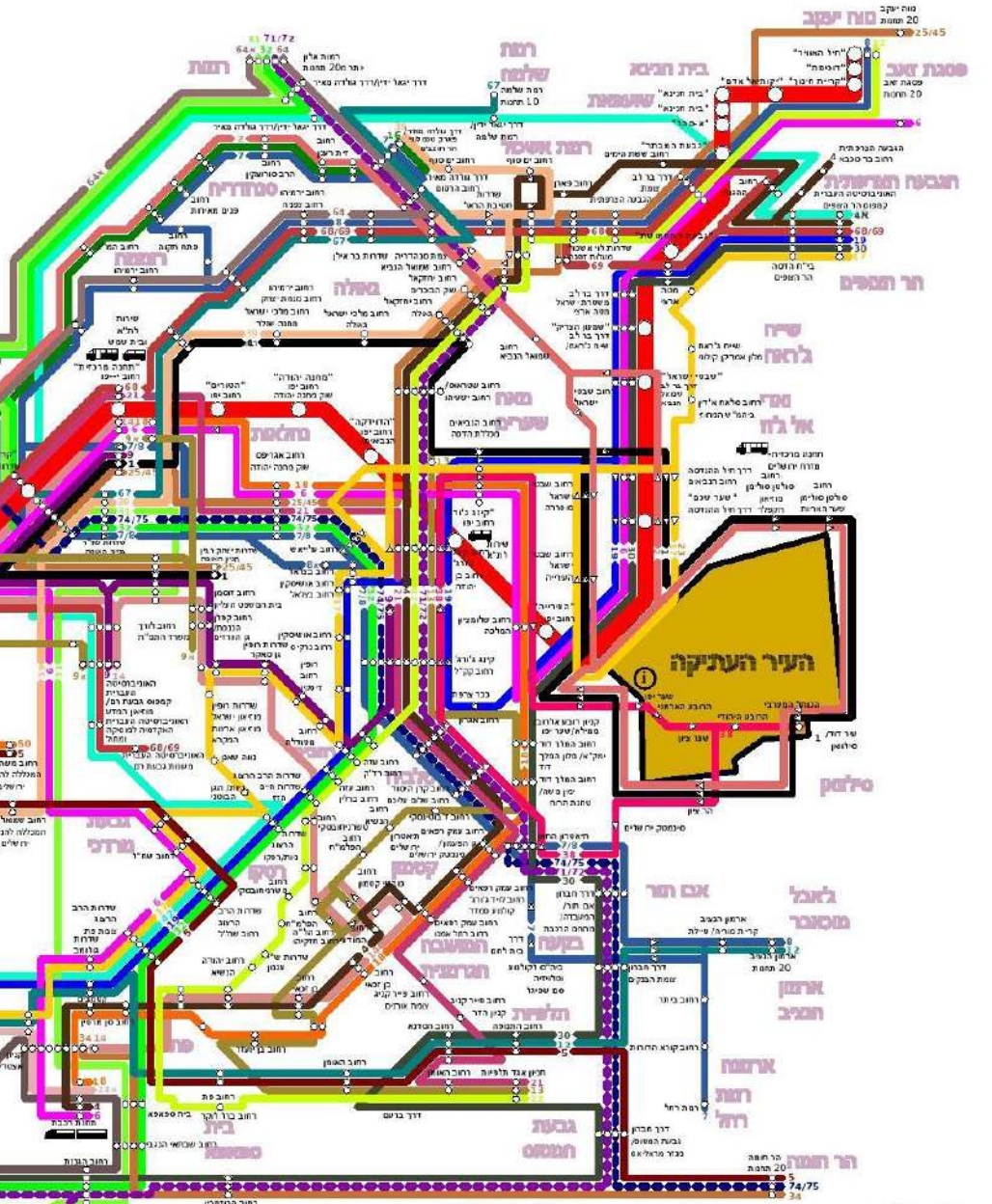
Jerubus

2011

קווי אוטובוס בירושלים

מקרא

- תחנת מופית שיותר
- תחנת אוטובוסים בין עירונית
- תחנת רכבת
- תחנת רכבת קלה
- תחנת אוטובוס
- תחנת אוטובוס בכיוון בלבד
- קו מהיר ע"ג יחבי תחבורה ציבורית
- תחנת מידע משדר התיירות



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